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Invasion Of Hopei And
Charhar Frustrated

JAPAN'S INTENTION TO
INTERCEDE

Shanghai, To-day.

The recent successes claimed by the Government troops against the Communists in Shansi have failed to relieve Chinese political circles, who fear that if the eastward movements of the Reds continue Japan will seek them as a pretext for the military conquest of North China.

According to reports from Mr. Yen Hsi-shan, Pacification Commissioner for Shansi, the backbone of the Communist resistance is now broken, although scattered groups are still operating in South Shansi.

The principal danger averted was the threatened invasion of Hopei and Charhar, which would bring the Communists into direct conflict with the Japanese, whose military movements have been repeatedly affirmed as the intention to intercede as soon as the security of these two provinces was menaced. — Reuter.

NEW STATE OF ORISSA

VICEROY'S MESSAGE TO PEOPLE

Cuttack, To-day.

The new Governor, Sir John Hubback, read a message from the Viceroy of India at his installation in the Governorship, in which it was stated that the Viceroy was confident that Orissa would be a worthy unit of the Federation of India.

Sir John Hubback, addressing the assembly, said that the Government had created the body and it was now up to the people to give Orissa a soul. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

CHINESE ART TREASURES

Escort Arrangements Altered

London, To-day.

The Admiralty has amended the arrangements for the escort of the Chinese art treasures, as announced previously. H.M.S. Veteran will replace H.M.S. Wolfe and H.M.S. Verity will replace H.M.S. Whitehall. H.M.S. Dainty will be the escort from Suez to Aden. Otherwise the arrangements will stand.

The Rumpura is due at Shanghai on May 17. — Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone has moved into the Pacific to the east of Japan, and another is apparently developing over China. A V-depression is moving north-eastward across the Loochoos, and the Pacific depression is probably situated midway between the Visayas and the Pelu Islands, moving north-west. North and north-east winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy generally, some drizzle or mist, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

Freedom And Independence In All Circumstances



M. Josef Stalin, Soviet Dictator, accepted the Franco-Soviet pact which caused the present European crisis.

SIR C. LITTLE LEAVES

CANTON VISIT CONCLUDED

OFFICIAL LUNCHEON ON
H.M.S. FALMOUTH

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

Having seen Canton at its best, Vice-Admiral Sir Charles C. Little, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, left here this morning aboard H.M.S. Falmouth for Hong Kong.

In return for the Chinese hospitality, the Admiral gave a luncheon yesterday aboard the Falmouth. High Chinese officials and senior naval officers of the Canton Flotilla were present. General Chen Chi-tang, Commander-in-Chief of the First Group Army, returned from his retreat at Chung Fa to attend the luncheon aboard the Falmouth.

Sir Charles inspected the British gunboats in the harbour yesterday. He was received by Captain A. R. Halfhide aboard H.M.S. Tarantula.

Ideal weather prevailed in Canton during the past few days, and this enabled Admiral Little and his party to visit places of interest in Canton, including the Chungshan Memorial Hall, the monument to the 72-heroes, the Five-Storey Pagoda, etc.

ADMIRAL MURFIN IN COLONY

Will Pay Visit To Canton

The customary salutes were fired this morning when the U.S.S. Augusta, flagship of the United States East Asiatic Squadron, with the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral O. G. Murfin, on board, arrived in the Colony for a short visit. The Augusta was preceded by the Isabelle, the Admiral's yacht, which arrived here yesterday.

At 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, Admiral Murfin will call on His Excellency the Governor, who will return the courtesy at 10.30 a.m. His Excellency the General Officer Commanding, Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, will call on the distinguished visitor at 11.30 a.m. and this call will be returned at noon.

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DEMILITARISED ZONE BASED ON BREACH OF ASSURANCE

SITUATION TOLERATED FOR PERIOD OF SEVENTEEN YEARS

VERSAILLES PROVISIONS ONLY

ACCEPTED UNDER DURESS

London, To-day.

The German memorandum, handed in to the British Foreign Office yesterday by the Ambassador-at-Large, Herr von Ribbentrop, says:—

The German Government heard with complete agreement from Herr von Ribbentrop that the British Government and the British people wish to begin as soon as possible with practical work for the true pacification of Europe. This wish corresponds to the intentions of the German people and Government. The German Government therefore all the more regrets that it is not in a position to recognise, in the outline of the proposals of the Locarno Powers, an effective and fruitful basis for the introduction and carrying through of such a true work for peace.

LONDON PRESS COMMENTS

Prospect Of Further Negotiations

MEMORANDUM "GOOD AS FAR AS IT GOES"

London, To-day.

"Good as far as it goes," is the heading on the Daily Telegraph's leading article on the German memorandum, which is generally agreed to be conciliatory and to offer the prospect of further negotiations.

The Times says that the form in which Herr Hitler has renewed and elaborated his proposals will reinforce the general conviction of the sincerity of his appeal for a negotiated peace. There is nothing in the proposals to diminish the desire of Britain to see the negotiations opened. Contesting the suggestion that the Staff talks will be prejudicial to negotiations, The Times says that Germany may be able to justify her own default under Locarno. She could not justify ours. The British discharge of clear duty and the confidence with which she should reinforce the French opinion will speed the discussion.

"PERSUASIVE"

The Morning Post described the memorandum as persuasive, with many attractive proposals, but points out that it offers no satisfaction for the broken treaty and says it would be premature either to relax our defensive preparations or to separate from our friends.

The News Chronicle says that it is for the Powers concerned to bring Herr Hitler speedily to the conference table to prove the sincerity of his intentions. The Daily Herald says that despite its bad points the most important thing at the moment is that the door is left open.

The Daily Mail, urges careful study of the proposals by the statesmen of Britain, France and Belgium.

The Daily Express, opposing the isolationist standpoint, rejects any suggestion that Britain is entering on new pacts having military undertakings as a sanction.

PRAISE IN BERLIN

Berlin: The plan is glowingly praised by the morning papers. The Lokalesieger declares that only one who does not want peace

can reject the plan.

PARIS MEETING

Paris: M. Flandin will confer with M. Sarraute to-day to decide whether it is necessary to call a Cabinet meeting before deciding the Government's attitude. It is reported that the Government still considers it important to hold an early meeting of the Powers faithful to Locarno. — Reuter.

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BRUNO HAUPTMANN TO BE EXECUTED TO-MORROW

New York, To-day.
It is announced that Hauptmann is to be executed at 1 p.m. G.M.T., to-morrow. — Reuter.

OBLIGATION OF GOVERNMENT

(2) The German people most sincerely desire to co-operate with all their might in the great work of general reconciliation and understanding between the European nations for the purposes of safeguarding for this continent the peace which is so necessary for its culture and welfare. These desires of the German people are

principles of the State life as a precept of national honour and a necessary condition of any practical co-operation between the nations, from which they can in no circumstances make any further departure.

(3) The demilitarisation provisions of the Treaty of Versailles were accordingly based on a breach of the assurance towards Germany, and the sole legal argument to back them was force. These provisions were incorporated in the Locarno Pact after a further infringement of right; namely, the occupation of the Ruhr, which was characterised as a breach of law by the British law officers of the Crown.

(4) The so-called "voluntary renunciation" of sovereignty on the part of Germany over these western provinces of the Reich was thus a result dictated by the Treaty of Versailles and the sequence to severe acts of oppression of the German people. In this connection special references must be made to the terrible distress and helplessness of the Reich in consequence of the occupation of the Rhineland.

(5) The German Government therefore an obligation of the German Government.

The German Government further wish to make the following observations in pursuance of their fundamental attitude, as already stated in their note of March 24:—

(a) Germany in 1918 concluded an armistice based on the 14 points of President Wilson. These did not contemplate any limitation of German sovereignty over the Rhineland. On the contrary, they were based on the main principle of the construction of a new international order which should lead to better permanent peace and do the fullest justice to the principle of self-determination, regardless of victor and vanquished.

(b) The British Foreign Minister, in his speech of March 26 on the demilitarised zone, stated that in the last analysis this was only a *quid pro quo* for the attempt of France in 1918 to separate the Rhineland from Germany. From this statement it is clear that the demilitarised zone came into being solely as a result of an already perpetrated breach of obligations which bound the allies too.

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The creative brain of Lester P. Barlow, Standard, Connecticut, inventor of the depth bomb, has devised a new material that may revolutionise battleship building. The material, said to be capable of withstanding the heaviest bombs, has been offered to the United States Navy.

HONG KONG MAN HONOURED

Elected Director Of Bank Of England

London, To-day.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard has been elected a Director of the Bank of England. — Reuter.

Mr. Bernard is well known in Hong Kong. He was managing director of Jardine, Matheson and Co., stationed in Hong Kong, China and Japan, from 1922 to 1928; a member of the Executive Council of Hong Kong, 1927-28, and of the Legislative Council, 1926-28. In 1923 and 1926-27 he was chairman of the local General Chamber of Commerce, and in 1924 and again in 1926-27 was Chairman of the Court of Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. He is now a member of the London Committee of that institution as well as a director of numerous companies, including Matheson and Co., Ltd., the Alliance Assurance Co., Ltd., and the British and Chinese Corporation, Ltd.

NEW VICEROY OF INDIA

Entertained At House Of Commons

London, To-day.

The Marquess of Linlithgow was entertained at the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by representatives of all the parties. He leaves London to-day at noon and will travel overland to Marseilles to join his ship for India. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

OBITUARY

CAPTAIN PALMER BAKER

We regret to have to record the death of Captain Palmer Baker, which occurred in Shanghai last night.

Captain Baker retired from the services of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. a few years ago, and had lately been resident of the China Coast Officers' Guild.

AIR MAIL TIMINGS

MORE QUESTIONS IN COMMONS

Unavoidable Variations In Schedules

LONDON TO SINGAPORE IN UNDER FIVE DAYS

London, To-day.

The cause of the failure of Imperial Airways to adhere to the published schedule in the London to Singapore flights was sought by Sir Frank Sanderson (C. Ealing) in the House of Commons yesterday.

Sir Phillip Sassoon, Under-Secretary of State for Air, said that Imperial Airways allowed, from London to Singapore, 138 hours, compared with the 144 hours of the K.L.M. and from Singapore to London 204, compared with 142. He added that under the new Empire scheme it is contemplated to reduce the London to Singapore time progressively to under five days.

The loss of the Sylvaans by fire last November necessitated the use of lower speed to Calcutta and this, coupled with exceptionally bad weather in the Mediterranean and the destruction of the airway at Alexandria, dislocated the Imperial Airways' repair and overhaul programme and caused unavoidable variations in the timetables. The average daily delay in the last 12 flights was under one day.

Sir Frank Sanderson drew attention to the adherence of the K.L.M. to the timetable in the seven outward voyages in February.

Viscountess Astor asked if it were not a national disgrace that we are so far behind other countries. — Reuter.

HINDENBURG'S FLIGHT

Turbulent Night In Bay Of Biscay

London, To-day.

After a turbulent night in the Bay of Biscay the airship Field Marshal von Hindenburg, now flying across the Atlantic, is travelling at 50 miles an hour and maintaining an altitude of 500 feet. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

SETTLEMENT OF ASSYRIANS

Appeal Launched By Primate

London, To-day.

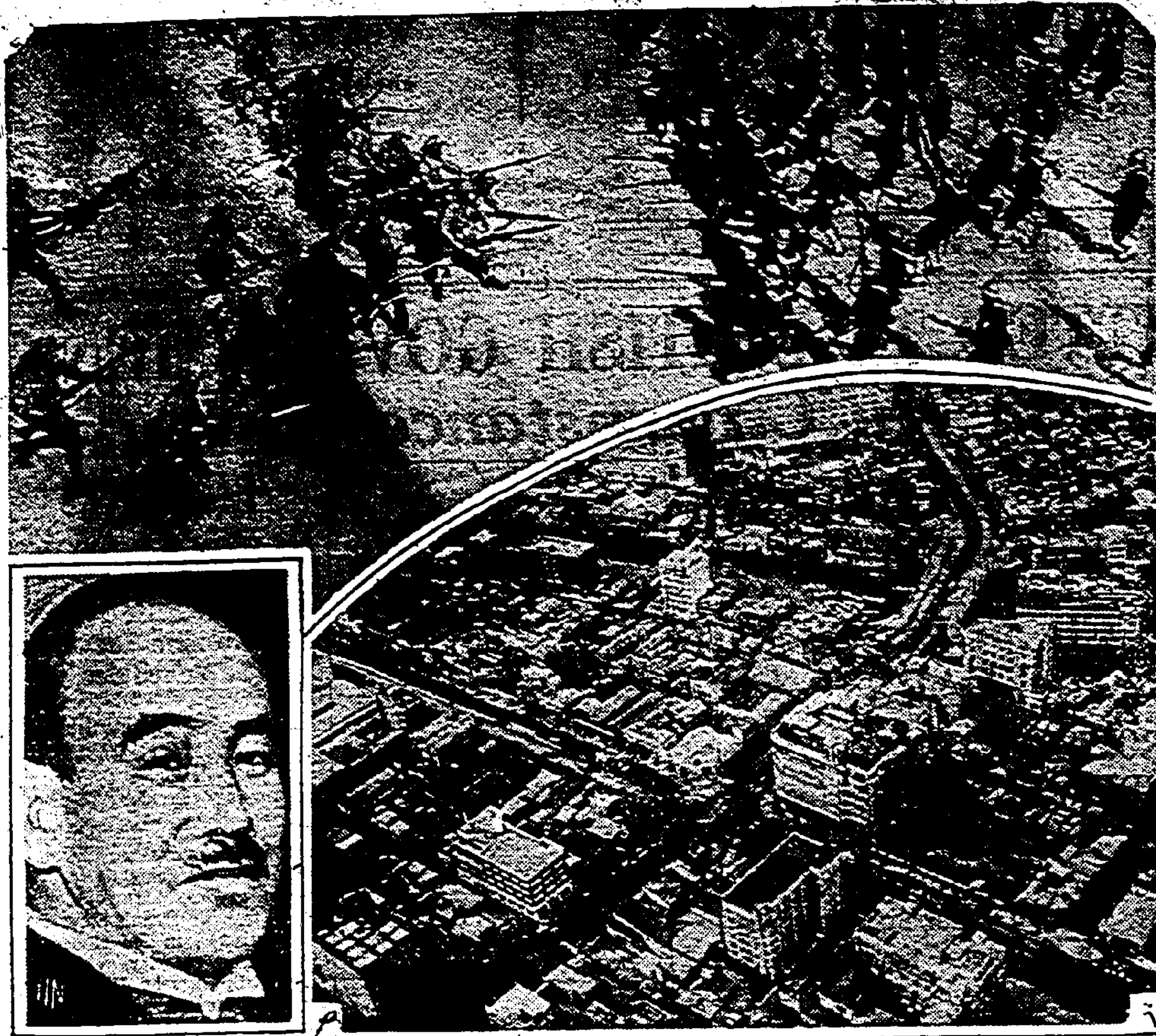
The Archbishop of Canterbury launched an appeal on Tuesday for £187,000 to assist in the settlement of the Assyrians in the Near East. The appeal was made at the Mansion House before a large and representative gathering under the chairmanship of the Lord Mayor.

Mr. Anthony Eden supported the appeal in his speech, and stated that the Government was anxious to bring a solution to this question. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

RANGOON FIRE DESTROYED

London, To-day. — A quantity of Rangoon rice, estimated at 2,000 tons, was destroyed by a fire in the Thames-side warehouse of Carbutt and Co. yesterday. — Reuter.

FIRST PICTURES OF THE TOKYO REVOLT



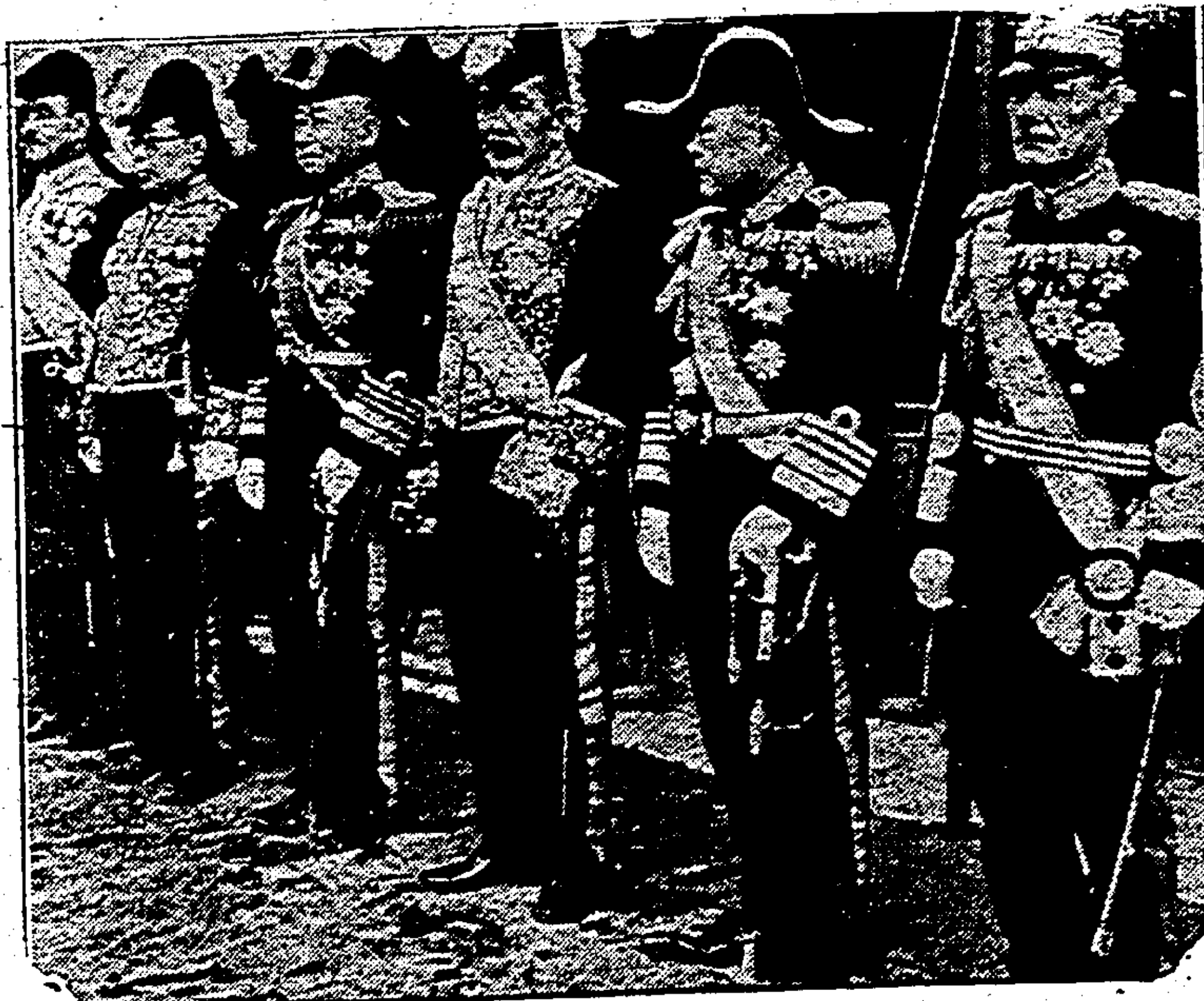
The news of the Tokyo revolt last month was received with great interest throughout the world. Our photographs show an aerial view of Tokyo (bottom right), with above, army and marine detachments in a sham bayonet battle in the streets of the city during recent manoeuvres. Inset left is Mr. Fumio Goto, former Home Secretary, who immediately after the revolt accepted the position of Premier temporarily and then handed in the combined resignation of the Cabinet.



Lt. Gen. Kashi, above, Commander of the Japanese army garrison at Tokyo, was entrusted by the authorities with the quelling of the revolt and the task of maintaining the public safety.



Admiral Mineo Osumi, Minister of the Navy, above, was mentioned as a possible candidate for the Premiership after the revolt.



Top left—Japanese troops called upon to maintain order in the capital at the time of the revolt landing from a lorry to take up a strategic position. Above are the members of the former Japanese Cabinet, who are alleged to have opposed the increased Government expenditures for the army and a more vigorous military campaign in the Far East, leading indirectly to the abortive revolt. Left to right they are: Mr. Fumio Goto, Home Minister; Mr. Tatsunosuke Yamazaki, Minister of Agriculture; Admiral Keianke Okada, the Premier, who escaped assassination by a clever ruse; Mr. Mochizuki, Minister of Communications; Admiral Mineo Osumi, Minister of the Navy; and General Kawashima, Minister of War. Lower left are close-up photographs of three of the Ministers in the former Cabinet—Mr. F. Goto, Admiral Okada and the slain Mr. K. Takahashi, Minister of Finance.

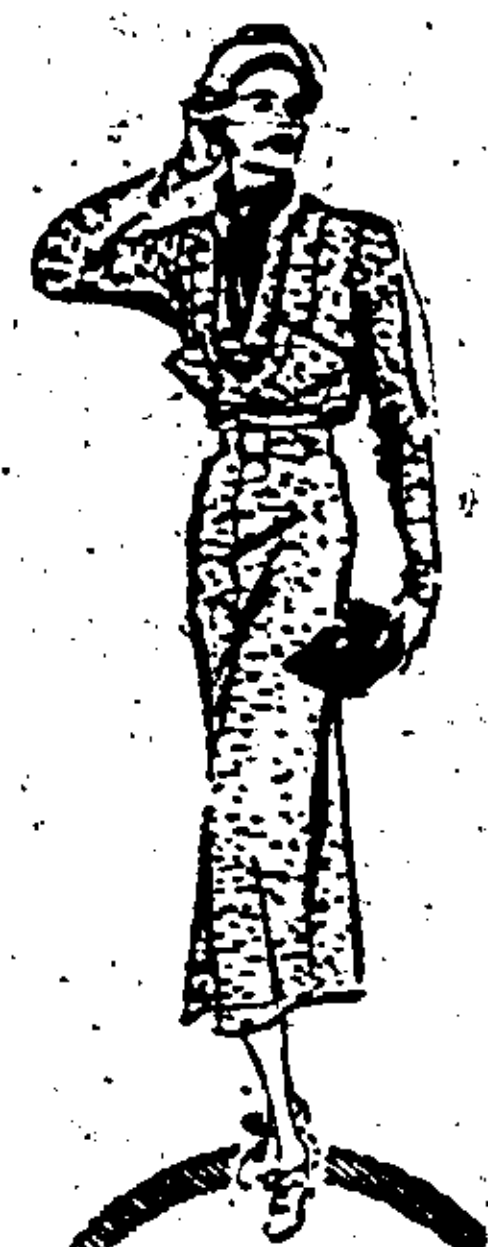


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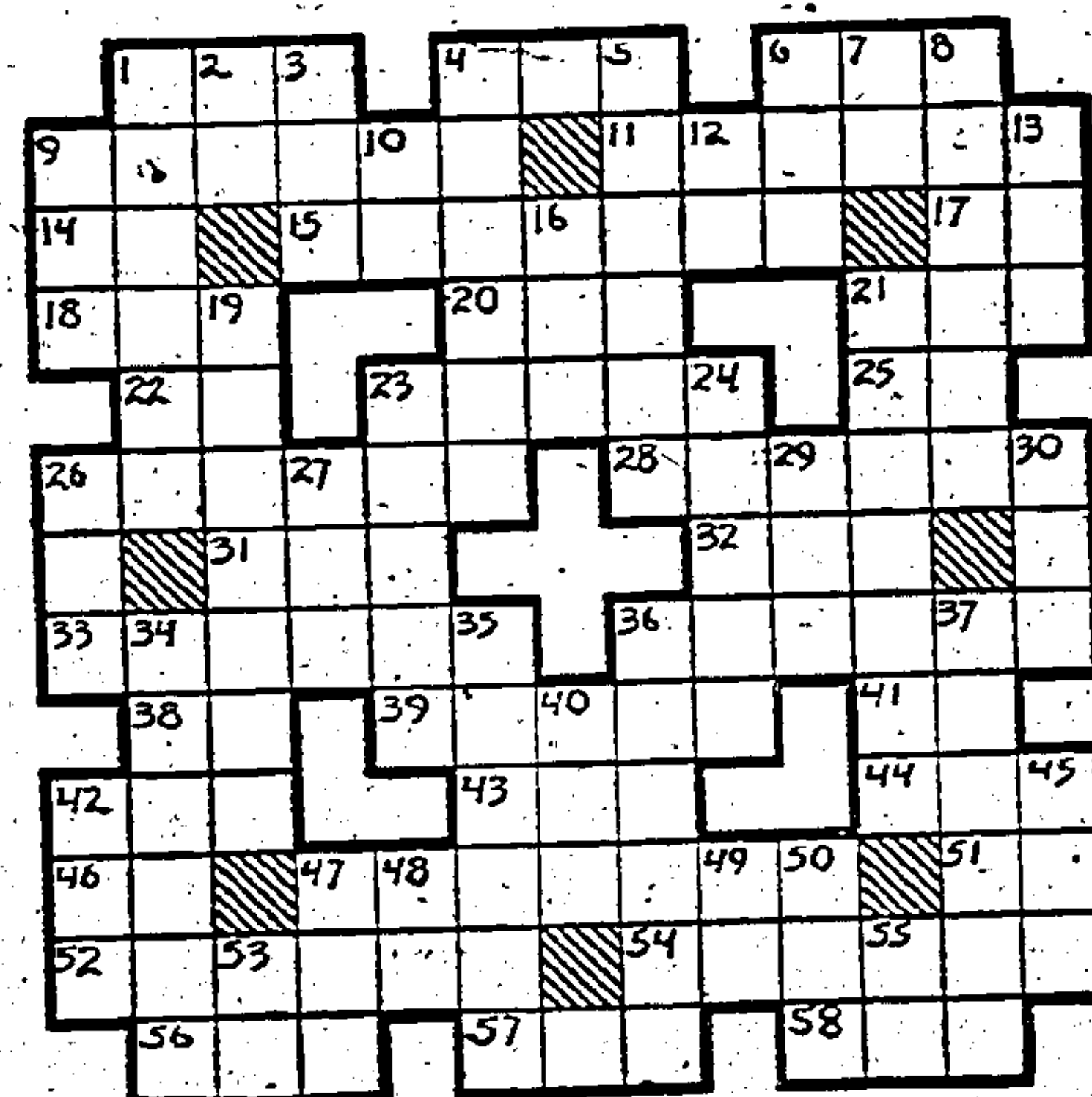
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

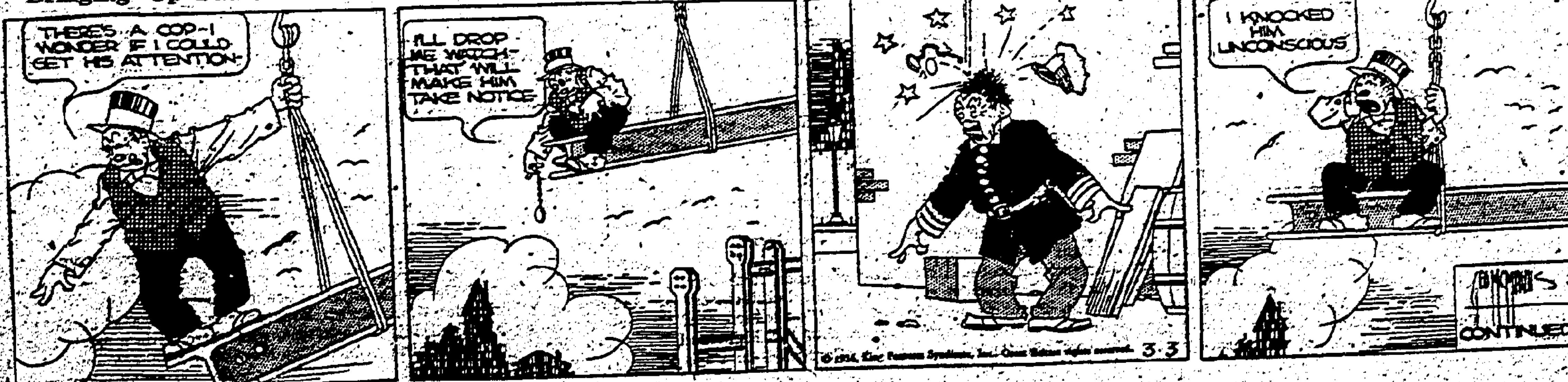
This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



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| <p>HORIZONTAL</p> <p>1-Not many
4-A serpent
6-Deface
9-Reclaims
11-Ascended
14-Upon
15-Foreakes
17-Act
18-Combining form.
20-Dine
21-Century (abbr.)
22-Prefix indicating the dawn
23-Made a mistake
25-The (Fr.)
26-Cleaver
28-Fancies
31-Clear of
32-Greek goddess of the dawn
33-Staggered
36-Clergyman's house (pl.)
38-Indefinite article
39-Altitude</p> | <p>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</p> <p>41-Comparative suffix
42-Suffix denoting an agent
43-Salt (Lat.)
44-Condensed moisture
46-A section of the Bible (abbr.)
47-Left out
51-Court of Appeal (abbr.)
52-Soft and fine
54-Chooses
55-Length measure
57-Terminates
58-Numbers (abbr.)</p> <p>VERTICAL</p> <p>1-Practised with a foil
2-Half an em
3-Marry
4-Affirm
5-Separated
6-Prize. Wrong
7-Because
8-Reclaim
9-Fish eggs</p> | <p>VERTICAL (Cont.)</p> <p>10-You and I
12-Right (abbr.)
13-Prefix. Not
16-Part of the head
19-Tumultuous flow
21-Rated
23-Sea-duck
24-Dreary (Poet)
25-Atmosphere
27-Grease
29-Eternity
30-Distress signal at sea
34-A church festival
35-Wish
36-Thawed
37-Constructs
40-Obese
42-Interest (abbr.)
43-Existed
47-Uneven
48-Myself
49-The (Sp.)
50-Lair
53-Negative
55-County (abbr.)</p> |
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The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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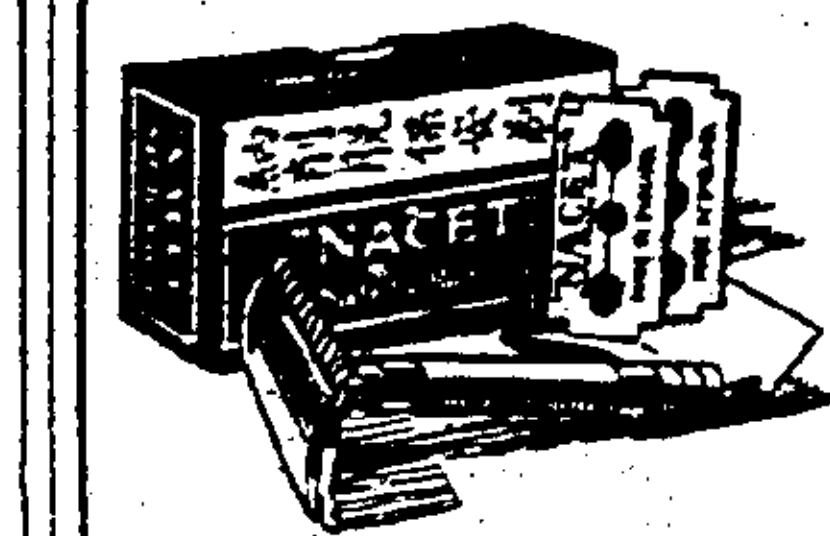
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12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Record Programme.

12.30 p.m.—Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.05 p.m.—A Recital by Peter Dawson (Soprano).

1.20 p.m.—A Violin Recital by Renee Chemet.

1.30 p.m.—Renter Press Bulletins, Rugby Press News, Local Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—Dance Music.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5-8 p.m.—European Programme.

5.30 p.m.—A relay of the Speeches at the Farewell Party to the Hon. Sir William Shenton given by his Chinese Friends in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

6-6.30 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

6.30-7 p.m.—Dance Music.

7-7.15 p.m.—Five French Songs by Claire Ceiza (Meso-Soprano).

1. Sarabande (Roussel).

2. Ariettes Oublies (Debussy).

3. Chanson des Sirenes (Honegger).

Berceuse de la Sirene (Honegger).

4. Amoureux Separés (Roussel).

7.15-7.30 p.m.—A Pianoforte Recital by Alfred Cortot.

1. Ballade in G Major (Chopin, Op. 23).

2. Rigoletto—Paraphrase de Concert (Verdi).

7.30-7.50 p.m.—Nat Gonella and his Georgians.

Fox-Trot—The Ghost of Dinah.

—Truckin'.

—Jealous.

—Sophisticated Lacy.

—Black Coffee.

—Lay River.

7.50-8 p.m.—From the Studio.

A talk on "The Hong Kong Area Boxing Championships."

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report. Closing Local Stock Quotations.

8.05-11 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

8.05-10 p.m.—European Programme from Z.B.W. on a frequency of 640 kilocycles.

8.05-8.22 p.m.—Vocal Gems. Twenty Five Years of Popular Song. Song Carnival of 1932 stars.

8.22-8.35 p.m.—Piano Recital by Ronald Gormley.

Medleys Nos. 1 and 2. (Continued at foot of Column 7)

OPENING OF NEW POLICE STATION

Officers Appointed

The new Upper Levels Police Station, situated in High Street, above the Government Civil Hospital, was opened yesterday. The officer-in-charge of the station is Sub-Inspector A. Kirby. The first officer to do bench duty in the charge room is Sergeant T. R. Hunter, who went on at 9 a.m. He will be relieved to-day by Police Sergeant T. H. Daly, and the two officers will do charge room duty on alternate days. The full complement of the new station is as follows:

Sub-Inspector A. Kirby, Police Sergeant T. H. Daly, Sergeant T. R. Hunter, Sergeant D. Mann and Sergeant W. Sullivan.

Indians.—One Crown Sergeant, three Lance-sergeants and 32 constables.

Chinese.—One Crown Sergeant, three Lance-sergeants and 36 constables.

There are also two Chinese detectives, two interpreters and a Shantung Crown Sergeant who is the barracks sergeant.

NEURALIA LEAVES

Hearty Farewell To Old Troopship

A large crowd assembled yesterday at the Naval Dockyard to bid farewell to the troopship Neuralia, bound for England.

The ship was flying the paying-off pennant, indicating that this was the last occasion on which she would be seen in these waters.

The band of H.M.S. Capetown was on the wharf, and lightened the occasion with music. There were many officers of the Navy, Army and Air Force seeing friends off, and as the ship pulled out she was given a hearty cheer.

This was repeated by crews of the warships in harbour who lined the decks to give a hearty send-off and wish those aboard bon voyage.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Dummy The Master Hand

By Ely Culbertson

Most players consider declarer holds the master hand. Such, however, is not always the case. Frequently, hands occur in which the closed hand must play a secondary role and a thorough knowledge of the underlying principle is essentially a part of the good Bridge player's education.

It is difficult though for the average Bridge player to realise this, but when this realisation is further complicated by the necessity of trumping with high honours, as it was in the hand below, it becomes doubly hard to see.

North Dealer

East and West vulnerable

S. 7 5 3 2
H. 10 8 5
D. K 9 5 2
C. A 10

S. J 10 9 8 N. S. A. K Q 4
H. A 6 3 2 W. E. H. 7
D. 8 4 S. D. A. J 7 6 3
C. K Q 3 C. 8 5 2

S. 6
H. E. Q. J. 9 4
D. Q. 10
C. J. 9 7 6 4

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

North East South West
Pass 1S. (1) Pass 3S. (2)
Pass 4D. Pass 4S.
Pass Pass Pass

1.—There was no sound reason for East's preferring to open the bidding with his four-card suit, as a response of one heart to one diamond would have enabled him to show the spades at the level of one, whereas a response of two hearts over one spade would force East to show his second suit at three.

2.—West's double jump was slightly shaded due to the solidity of his trump sequence.

South opened the King of hearts which West won with the Ace. The usual procedure for most declarers would have been to attempt to trump out the diamonds with dummy's trumps, but declarer realised that a heart continuation when he lost the lead would rob him of necessary entries to his own hand if the diamonds did not split. The cross ruff in hearts, however, was practically established and it remained only to take advantage of it.

A low heart was led and trumped with the Queen of spades, a necessary unblock. East then led a low club to the King. North took the Ace and made his best return, a low spade, but the dummy won this when East played the four. A third heart lead was ruffed by declarer's King, dummy re-entered with the Queen of clubs and the fourth heart trumped with the Ace of spades. The Ace of diamonds was then cashed for the seventh trick, and the necessary three remaining tricks were won by dummy's three high trumps.

Only a double dummy opening of South's singleton spade could have defeated the contract.

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Sporting Page



H. D. RUMJAHN LOOKS GOOD FOR LOCAL TENNIS SINGLES FINAL

KEEN RACING AT THE VALLEY MR. DEITZ WINS ON FOUR OUTSIDERS

SEVENTEENTH OF SEPTEMBER AND STOPWATCH NEED WATCHING

(By "Rapier")

THE Second Extra Race Meeting last Saturday was favoured by brilliant sunshine, which was a welcome change compared with previous meetings, and as a result it was featured by exceptionally keen racing, the outstanding performance undoubtedly being that of Mr. Dynasty's King's Warden in the Mrs. Bay Handicap. Carrying the maximum weight of 168 lbs., King's Warden broke the record for the one mile and 171 yards distance, thus reflecting great credit on the rider, Mr. G. U. da Roza, for his masterly handling of the pony.

There were several upsets, to which Mr. Norman Deitz contributed in no small measure when it is realised that all his four wins were outsiders. Mr. Deitz revealed something of his old brilliance, and punters would be well advised to keep him foremost in their minds at future meetings.

Mr. F. F. Li is to be congratulated on graduating from the Novice Class, and racing fans will watch his future progress with no little interest.

MACAU RACING RESUMES

New Features To Be Introduced

FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR PONIES

The Macau racing season will be resumed on Sunday April 26, when six events have been arranged for the April Meeting, including a sprint race for Lady Riders.

Several innovations have been introduced for this meeting, including the free transportation of ponies from Hong Kong, and a dollar cash sweep. Tickets for this may be obtained at the Macau Jockey Club offices, c/o Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, Stock Exchange.

The full programme is as follows: 1st Race—Prize Grande Handicap. Winner \$150, Second \$75, Third \$50. For China Ponies. Non-winning Subscription Griffins of The Hong Kong Jockey Club of this Season. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

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EAST LANCS. AT SPORT

Interesting Events Next Week

The East Lancashire Regiment will take part in several sporting items within the next fortnight, the outstanding of which is their Large Units hockey semi-final against the Punjab Regiment, which will take place next Tuesday afternoon at Shamshupo, commencing at 4.30 p.m.

On Wednesday next they will meet the Combined Small Units in the semi-final round of the Large Units Cricket knock-out competition at Sookunpoo, commencing at 1.45 a.m., while this coming Sunday they will meet a team from the U.S. Franconia, round-the-world tourist ship in a friendly game at Sookunpoo, starting at 2 p.m.

At the 21st Annual Sports of the Hong Kong University Athletic Club, to be held next Saturday at 1.30 p.m., at the Perimeter, Pokfulam Road, there will be a Half Mile event, open to the Colony—post entries.



Dick Shikat puts the pressure on Danno O'Mahoney in their New York bout and by a terrific twist of the wrist made the Irish Whip proponent surrender his world's wrestling title last month.

SOUTH CHINA "A" ON TOP

STONECUTTERS DEFEATED BY TWO GOALS BUT DISPLAY MUCH IMPROVED FORM

TAM AND FUNG IN GOOD FORM

(By "REFEREE")



Gene Venzke, above, now a senior at Pennsylvania University, staged a remarkable comeback recently on the cinder track when he beat Glen Cunningham, the Kansas sprinter and holder of the world's mile record, in the American National A.A.U. Games at Madison Square Garden in the 1,500 metres, to set a new world's mark of 3 mins. 49.9-10 sec.

AN EASY WIN FOR SCOTLAND

Ladies' Golf Match

A ladies' match played over the Old Course, Fanling, on Tuesday between Scotland and the Rest, resulted in a win for the Scottish side by 6½ points to 2½. One point was scored for a win, ½ for a draw, and ¼ for the bye. Detailed scores are as follows:

Scotland	The Rest
Mrs. Cassidy 0	Mrs. Sheldon 1
Mrs. A. K.	Mrs. Roffey 0
Mrs. Macdonald 1½	Mrs. Crispell 0
Mrs. Shawan 1	Mrs. Whyte 0
Mrs. Smith 1½	Mrs. Turnbull 0
Mrs. Wilson 0	Mrs. Somerfelt 1½
Mrs. Hillier 1	Mrs. Robinson 0
Mrs. McGowan 1½	Mrs. Valentine 0
Mrs. Stevenson 1	Mrs. Webb 0
	6½
	2½

YACHTING RESULTS

Ariel, sailed by Miss B. Kirke, won the race for "H" Class yachts in the Sweepstakes series held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday. The "A" Class event was won by Mr. D. M. Eley in Lobo, and the Mixed Classes race by Sirius (Mr. G. Thomas).

CONVINCING WIN OVER TSUI

DETERMINED DISPLAY IN QUARTER FINAL MATCH

CARELESS KWOK BEATS CASUAL GOSANO

(By "Base-Line")

TSUI YAN-PUI, the "find" of the year, had the misfortune to strike an off day for his quarter-final match against H. D. Rumjahn, who was in one of his steadiest moods, in the Colony Lawn Tennis Singles Championship at the H.K.C.C. yesterday. As a result Tsui deservedly lost by 6-2, 6-2.

The C.R.C. player never settled down to his usual game and "H.D." saw to it that he did not rally in the second set as he did against Lu Tak-chek. Deep and powerful driving was the cause of Tsui's downfall—his returns from unaccustomed positions lacked both pace and accuracy, while he became wild in his shots whenever "H.D." advanced to the net. Tsui brought off one or two good shots, but I could not help thinking he was desperately stale.

"H.D." on his form yesterday, is likely to beat either Teddy Fincher or Lai Kwong-tsun, one of whom he will meet for right of entry into the Final. His base-line game was perfect on both hands, while his volleys were crisp and well-placed.

In the other Open event, a very careless Tennis Kwok entered the last eight at the expense of a very casual A. V. Gosano. It was an uninspiring display and scores of 6-4, 7-5 summed up the respective strengths of the two players.

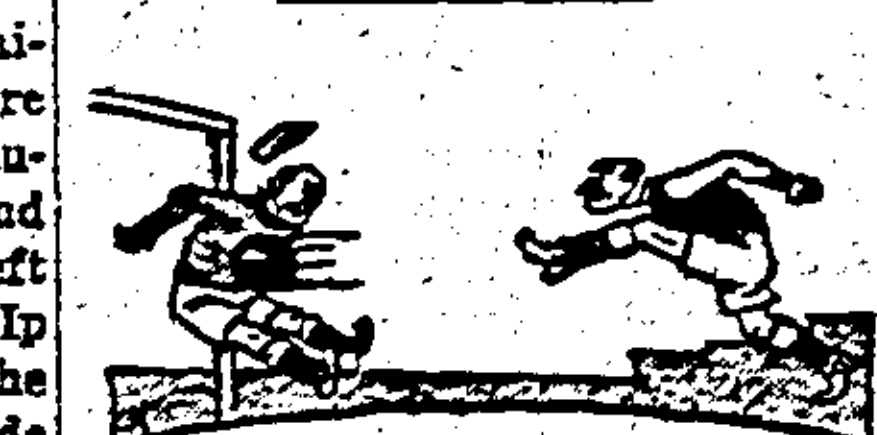
After dropping the first set in the tenth game Gosano threw away three games in a row and then proceeded to sweep Kwok off the court with powerful drives for a 4-3 lead, but then, when everybody thought he was going to level the match, he showed signs of fatigue and, though aided by Kwok's carelessness, was unable to stave off defeat in the twelfth game.



Kwok will have to show very much more determination if he is going to beat Tsui Yai-pui in the quarter-finals.

Yesterday's Results

Open Singles
H. D. Rumjahn beat Tsui Yan-pui 6-2, 6-2.
Tennis Kwok beat A. V. Gosano 6-4, 7-5.
Club Handicap Singles (Second Round)
Lt. W. P. Lucy (-3.6) received a w.o. from E. Bathurst (-3.6).
Club Handicap Doubles (Second Round)
J. and G. Rodger (-4.6) beat W. S. Robb and W. W. Mackenzie (-4.26) 6-4, 6-4.



LEAGUE FOOTBALL FOR TO-DAY

Athletic Meet Saints in Premier Division

A good Premier Division League soccer match should be witnessed at Caroline Hill to-day at 5 p.m., when the Athletic entertain St. Joseph's in their postponed fixture.

Both teams will be at full strength and on current form the Chinese should add another two points to their total.

At Prince Edward Road to-day the East Lancers meet the European Police in the Third Division at 4.45 p.m. and should also record a win.



W. Lawson Little, above, the world's greatest amateur golfer since Bobby Jones was in his prime, is turning professional as from to-day.

MEN'S DOUBLES BADMINTON

St. John's Club Beat Fire Brigade

EASY WIN FOR RECREIO

The St. John's Club sprang a surprise in the Men's Doubles Badminton League last night when they defeated the Fire Brigade Recreation Club by 8 games to 1 at the St. John's Church Hall. Recreation seniors recorded their nineteenth win by overwhelming St. Andrew's "A" by 8 games to 1. Detailed results of the two matches were as follows:—

Saints Routed
At the St. Andrew's Church Hall last night, the Club de Recreio "A" beat the St. Andrew's "A" by 8 games to one:—
Mr. Weill and A. S. Ellis (St. Andrew's "A")
lost to J. J. Remedios and A. M. Oliveira 11-21
lost to L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 7-21
lost to A. K. Xavier and H. A. Alves 11-21
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's "A")
lost to Remedios and Oliveira 17-21
lost to Carvalho and Silva 3-21
lost to Xavier and Alves 6-21

Fire Brigade Loss
At the Cathedral Hall last night, the St. John's Club beat the Fire Brigade Recreation Club by 8 games to 1:—
F. H. Kwok and G. A. Smith (St. John's)
beat E. L. Shute and W. Shute 21-12
beat A. L. Fisher and G. Williams 21-5
beat J. L. Anderson and W. Stoker 21-7
Roland Koh and Norman Smith (St. John's)
beat Shute and Shute 21-15
beat Fisher and Williams 21-4
beat Anderson and Stoker 21-11
J. Bennett and David Kwok (St. John's)
beat Shute and Shute 21-16
beat Fisher and Williams 9-21
beat Anderson and Stoker 21-8

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
St. John's "A"	20	19	1	128	16	38
Recreio "A"	19	18	1	120	24	36
St. Andrew's "A"	20	15	5	107	24	30
C. R. C.	19	14	5	111	45	28
St. John's "B"	17	12	5	83	22	22
Recreio "B"	15	10	5	73	44	20
St. John's	19	9	10	81	90	18
Fire Brigade	20	8	12	67	101	16
V. R. C.	18	4	14	49	95	8
Kowloon Tong	21	2	19	49	104	6
St. Andrew's "B"	19	2	17	34	102	4
S. and S. Home	18	1	17	80	143	2

FRIENDLY HOCKEY GAME CANCELLED

The friendly hockey game between the Club and the East Lancers, which should have taken place yesterday at King's Park, was cancelled.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

FINCHER AND HUNG SHOULD WIN

But Much Will Depend On Pearce

(By "BASE-LINE")

Judging on their display against the Lu brothers, "Lollie" Goldman and Alec Pearce will cause a minor sensation if they beat Teddie Fincher and Willie Hung on the Stand Court this afternoon.

Pearce is likely to bear the brunt of the attack and I very much doubt whether he is a sufficiently strong enough player to hold his own against two very experienced opponents, although he gave a very promising display against E. D. Andrews and G. W. Sewell in a knock-up yesterday.

The following is to-day's programme at the H.K.C.C., commencing at 4.45 p.m.:—

Open Doubles (Third Round)
E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung v. L. Goldman and T. A. Pearce (Stand Court).
Club Championship (Third Round)
E. Bathurst or D. Macdonald v. F. A. Redmond.
Club Handicap Singles (Third Round)
V. E. Gordon (sec.) v. H. R. MacGillchrist (sec.).

G. E. B. Direct (-4.6) or M. Pagh (-15.2) v. Lt. S. F. Stapleton (sec.).
G. W. Sewell (-15) or G. Polglase (-1.6) v. T. J. Price (sec.).

SCHOOLBOY BOWLS WELL

8 For 30 And The "Hat-Trick"

The feature of the friendly cricket match between S. M. Cassim's XI and the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School at Sookunpoo yesterday was the fine bowling of A. R. Razack, who, while taking 8 wickets for 30 runs, performed the "hat-trick".

S. M. Cassim's XI: 182 for 9 (A. H. Baker 66, J. Gravel 29; N. Singh 5 for 62).

E. K. T. S.: 78 (A. Lachu 19; A. R. Razack 8 for 30).

TO-DAY'S MAMAK HOCKEY ENCOUNTER

The Kowloon Indians' Tennis Club will meet the Royal Engineers in the First Division of the Mamak hockey tournament this afternoon at 5 p.m. on the Radio ground, Caroline Hill.

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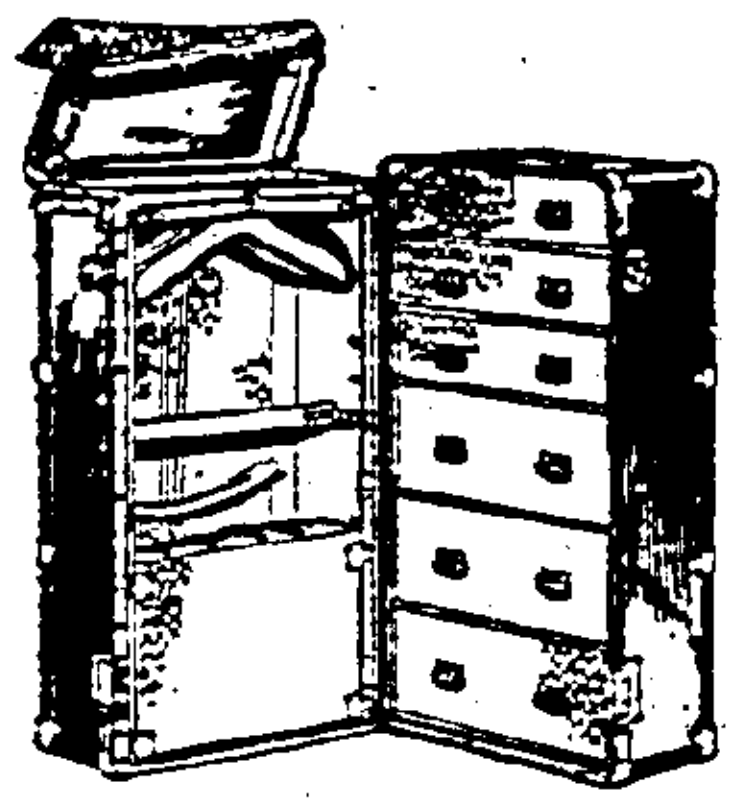
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The Lindbergh Case

Without being in any way unduly sentimental over the matter, one may perhaps be permitted to deplore the cat-and-mouse business of the execution of Bruno Hauptmann. Yet another reprieve has been granted, subjecting the man to the renewed tortures of alternating hope and despair, so that if the execution comes at last there will have been a considerable amount of extra mental suffering for the doomed man which should not by rights have been vouchsafed to him.

There is probably a great deal of truth in the contention of Governor Hoffman, that Hauptmann was not the only man concerned in the crime; but his corollary, that in that case he should not suffer for it until his co-partners have also been brought to justice, would, if logically persisted in, deny the rights of the State to exact restitution for what was a cowardly and cold-blooded murder against one who is proved, so far as the process of the law is concerned, to have had a hand in it. We are not in a position at this distance to judge whether Hauptmann is actually guilty or not. It is no uncommon thing for malefactors in the United States to escape the consequences of their crimes, and it is no less uncommon for mistakes to be made in the best-regulated courts of justice. America has one or two notorious examples to its discredit; the Scottsboro case, for instance, can hardly be held up as a model of how these things should be conducted.

But all that is by the way, so far as the Lindbergh case is concerned. On the face of it Hauptmann's guilt appears to have been firmly established. He was proved to have been in possession of a substantial portion of the ransom money, which he could not account for except by vague references to "business profits" in trade with another German who died before his testimony could prove or disprove the statement. The evidence of the handwriting on the ransom notes and its marked similarity to that of Hauptmann seems to have been conclusive. And finally, there is nothing in his previous record to belie the possibility that a crime of this sort is quite the sort of thing in which Hauptmann might have participated. Most men will do most things for "easy money." At the age of 19 Hauptmann was concerned in a highway robbery, following a number of petty thefts carried out with another young man; he had already established the reputation of being the "bad boy" of his native place when he stowed away for America. He appears to have gone fairly steadily at his trade during his first few years in that country, but he felt the depression, as everybody else did when it came, and it is quite conceivable that the "easy money" of a kidnapping might have suggested itself to him, either singly or in company with other desperadoes. In short, there is really no reason to suppose that he is an innocent man, being hounded to his doom under false charges.

His execution is not likely to be welcomed by anybody for its own sake; but it is desirable that the ends of justice be served, however much ordinary people regret the necessity, for the benefit of the law-abiding citizens in the land. If there is any possibility of fresh evidence being adduced which will point to the innocence of this man, it is only right that every effort be made to prevent it; but he should not be subjected to any more of the refined torture of alternating fear and hope. Either his guilt should be accepted once and for all, or he should be given the benefit of the doubt and allowed to go free. There is much to recommend the latter course, even if it does err on the side of leniency; but he has suffered enough.

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I should add that ladies are eligible for election as Fellows. Thanking you for kindly inserting this letter.

H. E. POLLOCK,
Hon. Corresponding Secretary,
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STRANDED "PEI AN"

TUG LEAVES FROM HONG KONG

The tug Taikoo, owned by the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Co., Ltd., left this morning for the Eaklong Islands, where the Chinese freighter Pei An has been hard aground since the early hours of Tuesday morning. The Chinese Maritime Customs cruiser Hai Ping went to the assistance of the vessel from Hoikow and is still standing by, though there is no immediate danger to the ship. Nos. 1 and 2 holds are known to have been filled, but salvage is possible without very great difficulty.

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MOTORING IN HONG KONG

Traffic Offences Analysed

DROP IN NUMBER OF SUMMONSES

Altogether 7,011 traffic offenders contributed a sum of \$82,115 towards the local Government revenue by way of the Police Courts during the year ended December 31, 1935.

Either traffic constables and officers were less vigilant, or car drivers more careful last year than in 1934, for in 1935 a total of 7,538 were summoned before the Courts, as compared with 8,652 who failed to escape the eyes of the traffic police during the year 1934.

Revenue from fines dropped from \$88,010, which was collected in 1934, to \$82,115 during last year.

Prosecutions

Of the 7,538 prosecutions instituted only 7,011 paid the \$32,115, the charges against 231 being withdrawn, 233 being discharged and the remainder remanded.

During the same year a total of 2,423 traffic accidents were reported, as against 1,867 in the previous year. There were 69 fatal accidents, as compared with 55 in 1934. Two prosecutions for manslaughter were instituted, one resulting in a conviction, while the other was withdrawn.

Of the 1,260 persons who were examined as motor drivers, 1,036 were granted their licences, the remainder failing to pass the test.

LORRY DRIVER SENTENCED

Wah San, a lorry driver, Cheung Fat-to, Sit On, and Li Shin, fishermen, were this morning charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy with disorderly conduct in Main Street, Shaokwan.

The first defendant was sentenced to three months' hard labour and ordered to pay compensation of \$3 to the others, while the other defendants were bound over in a bond of \$50 for six months.

Mr. P. H. Sin appeared for the last three defendants and pleaded guilty. He said that the first defendant was a well-known hooligan in that district and had tried to force the others to use his lorry to transport fish.

When they refused he assaulted them.

Sub - Inspector O'Connor agreed with Mr. Sin and said

CAUSES OF TOKYO OUTBREAK

JAPANESE TRADITION IN CONFLICT

CLASH WITH NEW POLITICAL METHODS INEVITABLE

(By Harold Stannard)

To Western European minds the opinion carried decisive weight. One of these Elder Statesmen, Prince Saionji, still survives. He is now nearly 100 years old, has no colleagues, and occupies a unique position in Japanese life. It is significant that the injured Finance Minister, Mr. Takahashi, a man only a few years younger than Prince Saionji's junior, was summoned by him from retirement when the economic depression first descended on Japan.

According to the Japanese code, murder, like suicide, is justifiable when committed out of patriotic motives, and during the past few years there has been more than one case of a political murderer going to the police station to give himself up after perpetrating his crime.

We Europeans are far more individualistic in our thought than the Japanese, and have some difficulty in entering into the feelings of a Japanese patriot who murders a man whose activities he regards as an outrage on the spirit of Japan.

But what is the spirit of Japan? The issues which led to last month's bloodshed go back to the very beginnings of the New Era in Japan, now nearly 70 years ago.

Early Pronouncement
When the great Emperor Meiji, then a boy of 15, overthrew the feudal system, he announced that he had taken all executive power into his own hands, but promised that an assembly should be convoked and that public opinion should decide on all measures.

Actually the Constitution of Japan dates from 1889, though the rescript promulgating it was issued eight years earlier. Moreover, the Constitution itself was constructed on the German model and, while giving legislative power to Parliament, made Ministers responsible to the Throne and not to the House of Representatives.

There was the further complication that the Emperor was surrounded by councillors who, before the Constitution came into existence, were organised into a body of Elder Statesmen, whom it was the Emperor's habit to consult on all important issues and whose

that the first defendant had used a spanner, with the result that the others had to be sent to the Hospital, but only the second defendant was detained.

Where Is The Power?

But the great Emperor is dead, and his successor went out of his mind. Of the Elder Statesmen only one still survives, and from the nature of things the last of the makers of modern Japan can have no successor. Where, then, is the power?

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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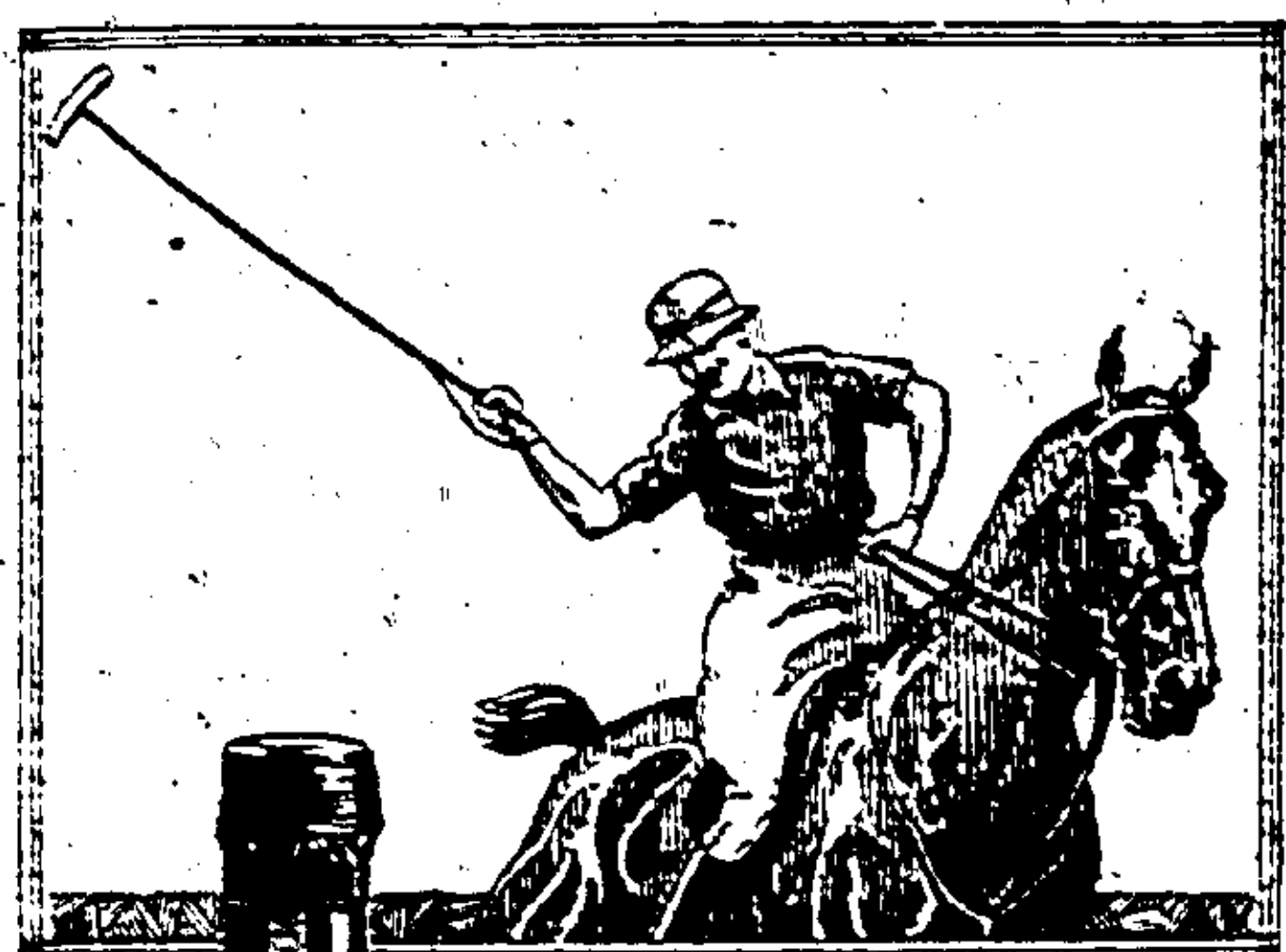
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CHARACTERS

MRS. BUGGINS (aged 30), FATHER (aged 35), GRANDMA (aged 70), EMMA (aged 12), ALFIE (aged 7).

SCENE

A hill-top near London. TIME—August Bank Holiday. This sketch can be played out of doors, and the SCENE is supposed to represent a hill-top; in backcloth is a rostrum which runs the whole length of the stage and slopes from the back towards the footlights. The rostrum need not be more than two feet in height at the back, and four feet in depth. Between the rostrum and the backcloth the tops of trees appear. Down left there is a log.

(MRS. BUGGINS enters right carrying several parcels and looking very hot.)

MRS. BUGGINS (very brightly). Cool! That was a climb! — Come on, Father—Come on—Gran! It's lovely up 'ere.

(FATHER enters right very slowly and very dependently, and carrying a large bottle of beer in one hand and his collar and tie in the other.)

(Pointing up stage.) Isn't it lovely, Father? Look at the beautiful trees and flowers, and all the view! (FATHER, apparently too disgusted to speak, makes no reply. He moves slowly across left, taking off his hat and wiping his forehead, while GRANDMA enters right very slowly, carrying a basket.)

Isn't it lovely, Gran'ma? (Slightly pause.) I say, look at the view! (GRANDMA gives MRS. BUGGINS a sour look and, ignoring the view, she drops the basket and wipes her forehead with her sleeve.)

FATHER (staring disgustedly in front of him). D'yer mean to say we got to spend the day 'ere?

MRS. BUGGINS (rather nervous). Yes—of course. It's "Nature's Paradise for Pleasure Seekers." It says so on the Toobs. Don't you like the view, Gran'ma?

GRANDMA (without looking round). Eh?

MRS. BUGGINS. The view! GRANDMA. Moo? 'Oo?

MRS. BUGGINS. I said the view. It's simply lovely! And ain't that pond pretty at the bottom of the 'ill, there?

GRANDMA. Yes—swarmin' with mosquitos and mi-asma, I lay! MRS. BUGGINS. Don't be silly, Gran'ma! — I expect it's full o' salmon! I call it lovely!

(Enter EMMA and ALFIE, very weary, and carrying an enormous string bag overflowing with food.)

TO-MORROW'S STORY

Another Adventure of Dixon Hawke will appear in to-morrow's editions.

There, children! Isn't the view lovely? What was it your teacher called it, Emma?

EMMA. She said it was a unique panorama and a feast for sore eyes.

FATHER. Yes—and a beast for sore feet! (Glancing over his shoulder.) Look at it!

MRS. BUGGINS. Well, wot's the matter with it?

FATHER. Wot ain't the matter with it? It's up a redickulous 'ighth ter start with.

MRS. BUGGINS. Well, you can't 'ave a view without an 'ighth, can yer? Where would you like to sit, Gran'ma?

GRANDMA. I'm goin' to set 'ere. (She sits down right determinedly.) That 'ill's started me breakfast floatin' and I ain't goin' another step till it's perched.

MRS. BUGGINS. Well, that's yer own fault fer settin' so 'early!

FATHER. Now, now, now! I don't come out fer the day to 'ear you two spittin' spite at one another—I can 'ear that at 'ome!

(He turns up stage for the first time and looks down the hill.) Oh, my goodness! Look at that beastly view! Not even a tram-line to brighten it up!—Ere, I can't look at it no more. It's turnin' me.

You know it always turns me to look down, eh, 'ltho' (He crosses to backcloth and looks down.)

ALFIE. Mother—what's Emma and me to do? There's ain't no think to play at up 'ere!

FATHER (pointing off right). Ere, the pair of yer can take and carry this dinner over to their gorge bushes, where I can't see this beastly panorama. I'm turnin' that giddy, I shall get an attack

of vertigo and precipitate myself down it in a minute.

GRANDMA. I ain't settin' by no gorge bushes!

MRS. BUGGINS. Why not, Gran'ma?

GRANDMA. Swarmin' with snakes and everts, they are. I knoo a girl once wot sat under a gorge bush and a evert popped out and bit 'er, and she wasn't never the same again.

FATHER. Ah—two-legged evert I expect that one was!

GRANDMA. No, it wasn't then! It was a ordinary gastronomic evert.

MRS. BUGGINS. Well, why not set over 'ere in front of this tree-trunk, then Father won't see the view, and you'll both 'ave something to lean yer backs against while I'm gettin' the dinner. Bring the string bag over, Emma. Alfie, give yer Gran'ma a 'and.

(EMMA brings the string bag to MRS. BUGGINS, who kneels down in front of the tree-trunk.)

FATHER wonders over and sits with his back against left end, and proceeds to light his pipe.

GRANDMA, assisted by ALFIE, crosses to right end.)

MRS. BUGGINS. Now then, Alfie, don't you go wanderin' off. You don't want to be tossed by a nasty fierce sheep, do yer?

EMMA. Mother, what is there to do?

MRS. BUGGINS (beginning to unpack). Oh, go and tear down some branches off them trees fer me to burn!

ALFIE. Oo, yes! Come on, Emma! (Children exit right gleefully.)

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DISAPPOINTMENT IN LONDON

Specific Proposals Not Answered

MANY DIFFICULTIES YET TO BE OVERCOME

London, To-day.

It is fully recognised in authoritative quarters in London that the German memorandum contains much material—some of it new—which will require most careful study. It will certainly receive close examination in the next few days and if necessary, the German Government will be asked for elucidations. There is naturally disappointment that in regard to the proposals put before the German Government by the other Locarno Powers the present document does not offer a clear reply.

It will be remembered that the main purpose of those proposals was to restore the confidence which had been destroyed by the German action in the Rhineland, and contributions to this end were offered by the Locarno Powers. A similar contribution on her part was asked from Germany, in order to hold the international situation during the period of negotiations.

Despite its conciliatory tone no definite contribution on the lines hoped for is forthcoming, and it is recognised that many difficulties have still to be overcome before the stage of negotiation can be reached. It is noted that there is nothing in the document which admits that Western Europe has been brought to its present pass through Germany's denunciation of the treaty, and it is realised that in this and other respects the memorandum will evoke critical reactions in other countries.

GENERAL STAFF PARLEY

It is anticipated in London that the conversations between the General Staffs provided for in the third section of the proposals drawn up by the Locarno Powers other than Germany will begin shortly. The agenda for discussions will be agreed upon between the Governments, which will closely define their scope, which is, of course, limited by the terms of the proposals themselves as well as by the Foreign Secretary's statement in the House of Commons that being only for the purpose of the Locarno Treaty they cannot increase or affect the political undertaking or any obligations as regards the defence organisation between the parties concerned.

In regard to this last condition it is understood that the French Ambassador has informed the

GERMANY'S PEACE OFFER

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Logical Question

TOLERATION CANNOT GO ON FOR EVER

If the British Government now declare that there had certainly been a question of a dictated Treaty of Versailles but never a dictated Treaty of Locarno, the German Government must answer by asking: Was there and could there ever be a great nation which would voluntarily, and without outside pressure, have renounced its sovereignty, its sovereign rights unilaterally, and in this case abandon its most primitive right of defending its own frontiers? Nevertheless the German nation tolerated such a situation for 17 years and as late as May 21, 1935, the German Chancellor declared that the German Government regarded the demilitarised zone as the most onerous contribution by a sovereign State for the pacification of Europe, and that the Government of the Reich would observe all the obligations of Locarno so long as the other parties to the Treaty were willing to keep it.

MILITARY ALLIANCES

The German Government, in its note of March 24, drew attention to the Franco-Soviet military treaty which deprived the Locarno Treaty of its legal, and especially its political, basis; and thus of the conditions for its existence. It is superfluous to re-enter into detail in that connection because undoubtedly the tendency to involve Europe in a network of military alliances is contrary to the spirit and sense of the establishment of a real community of nations.

The great danger is increasing that from this general entanglement of military alliances a situation will arise similar to that to which was principally due the outbreak of the world's most frightful and most senseless war. It is not now within the power of a single Government to prevent such a development originated by certain great Powers, but it is the duty of every Government within the limits of its own power to guard itself against those surprises which might arise from such impenetrable European military and Cabinet policies.

LOCARNO DENUNCIATION

The German Government have therefore declared themselves no longer bound by Locarno and have restored the sovereignty of the Reich over the entire territory of the Reich. The German Government are not in a position to submit the measure they have adopted.

Foreign Secretary that his Government fully subscribe to it. It is also considered likely that the letter to the French Government provided for at the end of the three-Power proposals will be sent quite soon.

The despatch of the letter in itself, of course, does not affect anything. The coming into force of the undertakings given in the letter depends upon the failure of efforts for conciliation and happily in the view of the British Government, such failure is not yet in sight, though the difficulties ahead are not minimised.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, is holding a small investiture at noon on Thursday next, at Government House when Paymaster-Commander E. A. Jolley, R.N., of H.M.S. Dorsetshire, will be invested with the insignia of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

The Canadian Institute (Italian Convent) has received from Sir Robert Ho Tung a cheque for \$100 as a contribution to the Convent for expenses in connection with the recent Commemoration and Jubilee functions.

The total rainfall during March was only .56 inch, 24 days of the 31 being completely rainless. The amounts varied from .01 inch on the 5th to .17 inch on the 2nd.

The Hon. Sir William Shenton is being entertained by a number of Chinese friends at a farewell party in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel at 5.15 this evening.

for the security of the Reich, which involves only German territory and menaces nobody, to the appreciation of a body which, in the most favourable case, is only able to judge the legal and not the political aspects of the measure. This is all the more true inasmuch as the League Council has already arrived at a decision prejudicing the legal judgment of the question.

The German Government is further convinced that such a verdict could not positively contribute to a constructive solution of the question of European security, but is rather calculated to make such a solution more difficult, if not to prevent it entirely.

GERMAN DECISION

The German Government therefore on this point, as well as the others in the Locarno proposals, which without exception are unilaterally onerous to Germany, cannot see any advantageous contribution for a truly broad and constructive solution of the question of European security, but only the elements of discrimination against a great nation which will make any permanent peace questionable. The German Government must, decline all proposals which impose one-sided burdens on Germany and therefore discriminate against her.

Germany has no intention of ever attacking France and Belgium, and in view of France's colossal armaments and the enormous fortresses on her Eastern frontier, it is well known that such an attack would be senseless from the purely military viewpoint alone.

Puzzling Attitude Of France

FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS

For these reasons also the desire of the French Government for immediate General Staff discussions is incomprehensible to the German Government, which would regard it only as seriously prejudicial if such arrangements between the General Staffs were reached before the conclusion of the new security pacts. They are of the opinion that such arrangements anyhow would only occur as the result of the political obligations of the five Locarno Powers to render assistance and then only on strictly reciprocal grounds.

ONE-SIDED BURDEN

The German Government is further of the opinion that in order to arrive at an easier solution of the present complex problems, they must be appropriately divided up according to the aims in view.

There must then be put the following fundamental questions:—

Is the goal of European diplomacy to be a division of Europe which has already shown itself to be unsuitable for any lasting guarantee of peace? Is the division of the European nations into those with more or less rights, honourable or dishonourable nations, free or fettered peoples, to be maintained and continued in some new forms, or with modifications, or are the Governments of Europe going to try to achieve at all costs a really constructive situation between the nations of Europe, and thus arrive at a lasting and secure form of peace?

The German Government will only participate in the second attempt, which they think is the only constructive one, and make this declaration with the most profound possible conviction and with the whole weight of the sincere will and yearning of the people behind them.

The German Government believe that the task of the statesmen of Europe should be divided into three periods:

(1) A period in which the atmosphere is gradually being calmed by elucidating procedure and by negotiations.

(2) A period for actual negotiations for securing the peace of Europe.

(3) A later period for dealing with desirable supplements to the work of the peace of Europe, which cannot and should not be exactly determined or limited as regards the contents or scope, from the very beginning, of such questions as disarmament, economic co-operation, etc.

Peace Plan Proposed

19-POINT MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED

The German Government propose the following peace plan:—

(1) In order to give future agreements to ensure the peace

of Europe the character of inviolable treaties, the nations participating in the negotiations do so only on an entirely equal footing, as equally esteemed members.

(2) In order to abbreviate as far as possible the period of uncertainty in the economic interests of the European nations the German Government propose the limit of four months for the first period up to the signature of the non-aggression pacts, thus covering a guaranteed European peace.

(3) The German Government give an assurance that they will not in any way reinforce the troops in the Rhineland in this period, provided the French and Belgian Governments act similarly.

MILITARY ASSURANCE

(4) The German Government give an assurance that they will not move during this period the troops at present in the Rhineland closer to the Belgian and French frontiers.

(5) The German Government propose the establishment of a commission composed of the representatives of the two guarantor Powers, England and Italy, and a disinterested third neutral Power to guarantee these assurances, to be given by both parties;

(6) Germany, Belgium and France will each be entitled to send a representative to this commission. If Germany, Belgium and France think they can point to a change in the military situation within the four months they are entitled to inform the commission of the matter;

(7) Germany, Belgium and France declare their willingness in such a case to permit the commission to make investigations through the British and Italian Military Attaches and to report on the matter to the Powers participating;

(8) Germany, Belgium and France give an assurance that they will to the fullest consider objections arising therefrom;

(9) The German Government are willing, on a basis of complete reciprocity, to agree with their two Western neighbours to any military limitation of the German Western frontier.

25-YEAR PACT

(10) Germany, Belgium and France agree to enter into discussions under the leadership of the British Government, immediately or at latest after the French elections for the conclusion of a 25-year non-aggression or security pact between France and Belgium on the one hand and Germany on the other;

(11) Britain and Italy will again sign this pact as guarantor Powers;

(12) Should the special obligations to render military assistance arise as a result of these security agreements, Germany is willing to assume such obligations also;

(13) The German Government repeat their proposals for the conclusion of an air pact to supplement and reinforce these agreements;

(14) Germany repeats that should the Netherlands desire, they are willing to include the Netherlands also in the Western Europe security agreement;

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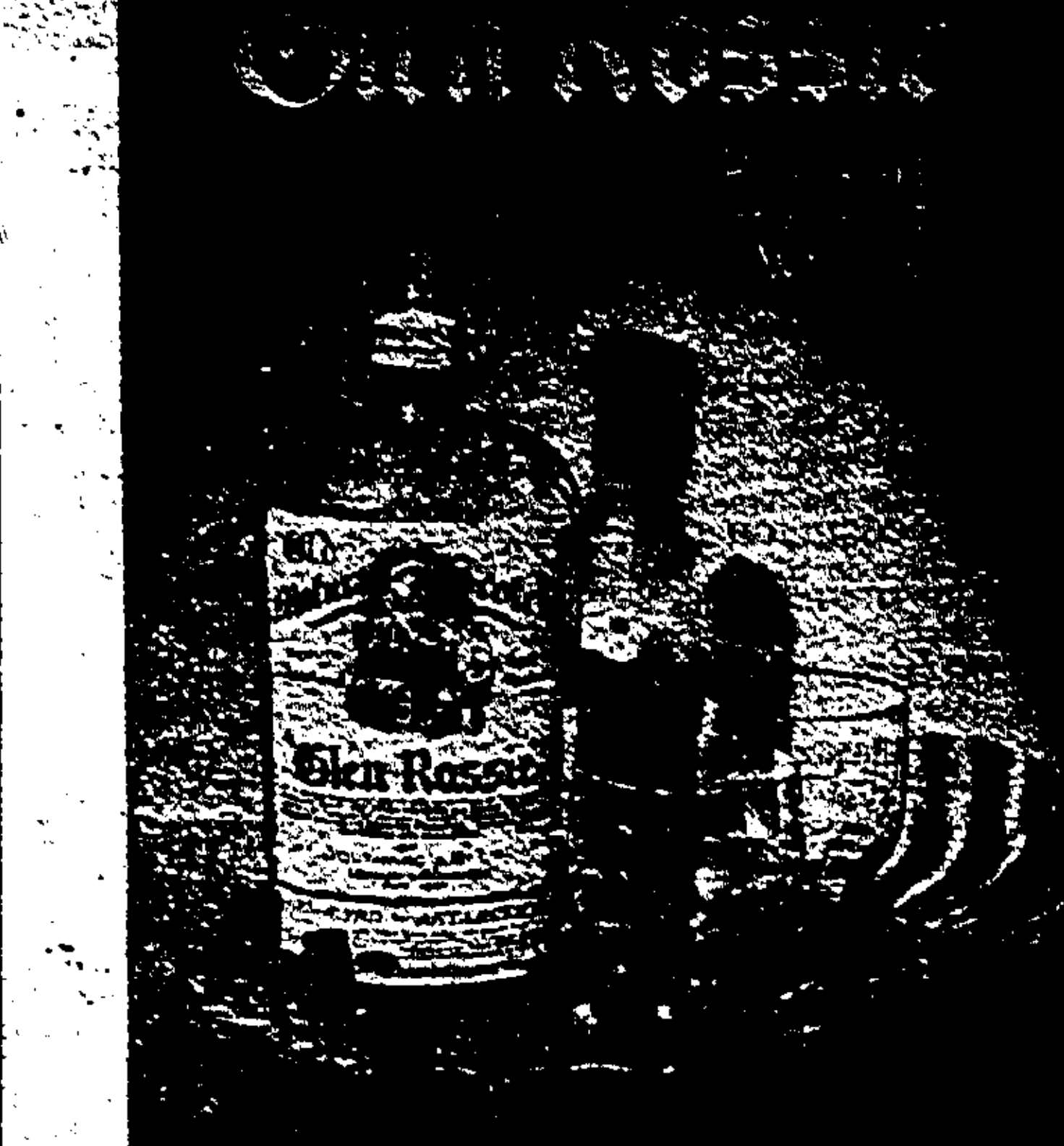
(15) Germany and France shall pledge themselves to see that in the education of the young in both countries as well as in publications everything will be avoided which might be calculated to poison the relationship between the two peoples, and shall agree to establish at the headquarters of the League of Nations at Geneva a joint commission to submit to the two Governments all complaints received;

(16) Germany and France undertake to ratify the agreements by means of a plebiscite in the two nations;

(17) Germany is willing to enter into communications with the States on her south-eastern and north-eastern frontiers with a view to inviting them directly to conclude the non-aggressive pacts proposed;

(18) Germany is willing to re-enter the League of Nations immediately or after the conclusion of the agreements. At the same time the German Government again express the expectation that within a reasonable time, by means of friendly negotiations, the question of the colonial equality of rights and the separation of the Covenant of the League from the Versailles setting will be cleared up;

(19) Germany proposes the con-



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Conference Should Be Held

FIVE IMMEDIATE TASKS

After the conclusion of the great work of securing European peace the German Government consider it urgently necessary to endeavour by practical measures to attempt to check the unlimited competition of armaments, which would mean not merely an alleviation of the financial and economic position of the nations but above all a psychological détente; but they have no faith in the attempt to achieve universal settlements, which will be doomed to failure from the outset. On the other hand they believe that negotiations held as the result of the results achieved in the sphere of the limitation of naval armaments can have an instructive and stimulating effect.

The German Government therefore propose that conferences be convened for the future, each with one clearly-defined objective only, and propose the following immediate practical tasks for the conferences:—

(1) A prohibition against the dropping of gas, poison and incendiary bombs;

(2) A prohibition against the dropping of bombs of any kind in open localities outside the range of the medium heavy artillery of the fighting fronts;

(3) A prohibition against the bombardment with long-range guns of towns over 20 kilometres from the battle zone;

(4) The abolition and prohibition against the construction of tanks of the very heavy type;

(5) The abolition and prohibition against artillery of very heavy calibre.

RETURN OF CONFIDENCE

As soon as the possibilities for further limitation of armaments emerge from such discussions and agreements they should be utilised. The German Government are prepared to accede to every such settlement as far as it is valid internationally. They believe that even if only the first step is taken

on the road to disarmament this would have an enormous effect on the relationships between the nations, and thus on the return of confidence which is a prior condition for the development of trade and prosperity.

The German Government are prepared immediately after the conclusion of the political treaties to exchange views on economic problems with other countries concerned, in the spirit of the proposals, and to contribute everything in their power to improve the economic situation of Europe and the world.

The note concludes with the confident belief that the above peace plan has cleared the way to the reconstruction of a new Europe on a basis of mutual respect and confidence between the sovereign States.

British Cabinet Meeting

NOTE TO FRANCE AND BELGIUM

London: It is understood that the Cabinet yesterday decided that a letter be despatched immediately to France and Belgium, under which Britain guarantees to ensure the security of France and Belgium against unprovoked aggression if the efforts at conciliation fail. It is expected that the three Governments concerned will now draft the agenda on which the eventual Staff talks will be held.

BRITISH OPINION

London: Germany's reply, though it leaves the door open for further efforts to find a basis of negotiation, leaves much to be desired, in the opinion of well-informed British circles. It is thought likely that the reply will have a conciliatory effect on general British opinion, which welcomes the proposal of a period during which negotiations can be begun more than Germany's proposals for the interim, especially her offer, to give a pledge not to fortify the Rhineland zone.

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THE BUGGINSES' PICNIC

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(FATHER has been searching in the string bag, and is now unwrapping one of the parcels.)
Oh, Father, what are you doing, unwrapping the dinner? Be all over this! (She snatches the parcel from him.)

GRANDMA: "Ere, don't you let 'im get at my two pen'north of s'rumps."

FATHER: "S'rumps! I want my newspaper." (He snatches the parcel back.)

MRS. BUGGINSES (taking it from him again): Well, don't go and expose the butter! 'Ave one of the bits that's wrapped round the kettle. (She searches in the bag.) 'Ere's a bit o' last Sunday's with a lovely murder in it.

FATHER (showing the first signs of enthusiasm): Oh! Which one is it? (He takes the piece of newspaper from her and studies it, then looks up disgustedly and throws it away.) Wot, that? You don't call that a lovely murder, do yer? Why, 'e only give 'er one 'it, and that was with a blunt instrument!

MRS. BUGGINSES: Oh, don't grumble so, Father. You're worsen the children. (Pointing off left.) There's them cows over there. Throw some stones, and see if you can't 'it one.

FATHER: That's right. Tell anyone with lumber to go stooping about after stones.

(ALFIE and EMMA have returned right, dragging an enormous green and very leafy bough.)

MRS. BUGGINSES: That's right, children—there's a nice lot of branches. They ought to burn lovely. Alfie, you go and collect a nice 'asp o' stones for Father to throw at the cows.

(ALFIE runs off excitedly and returns in a few seconds with a handful of stones which he constantly replenishes.)
(By this time Mrs. BUGGINSES is surrounded by billows of newspaper, which she has unwrapped from the parcels.)

MRS. BUGGINSES: 'Ere, Emma, you get rid of some of this newspaper for me!

EMMA (sulkily): Oh, I want to go and play! Makin' me work! (She sulkily tosses bits of newspaper over her shoulder until the stage is littered.)

FATHER (between shots at the cows): That's enough o' that grumblin'—on a 'oliday—'an' all! You do as you're told. Tch! Missed 'im.

MRS. BUGGINSES: Oh, well, 'ere you are—'ere's yer beer. (Holding up beer-bottle.) Drink it up and then you can throw stones at the bottle.

(FATHER takes the beer-bottle.) Oh, my goodness, we shall 'ave the wasps on us in a minute, with all this food exposed! Where are the fly-papers? (She searches in the bag.) Oh, 'ere they are. Spread them round, Emma, while I get on with the fire.

(EMMA takes the fly-papers and spreads them over the bushes and on the grass.)

Alfie, come and give me a 'and unwrappin' somethin'—and don't go pickin' at Grandma's s'rumps mind—she's sure to 'ave 'em counted. Oh, Father, I've thought of a job for you.

FATHER (drinking from the bottle): What is it? I'm busy.

MRS. BUGGINSES: You might open this tin of salmon while I make the fire. You can smash yer beer-bottle up afterwards.

FATHER (taking the proffered tin of salmon): Oh, you 'ave 'ad the sense to bring somethin' I like.

(MRS. BUGGINSES begins to make the fire immediately behind the fallen tree-trunk.)

(Searching in the string bag.) Tin opener—tin opener—'ere 'oo's 'ad the tin opener? It isn't 'ere. You'll 'ave to 'break it with your 'ands.

FATHER: 'Oo d'you think I am? 'Oodini?

GRANDMA: Bang it with a stone. I wouldn't be got the better of by a silly tin, I know.

(MRS. BUGGINSES suddenly notices that ALFIE is carrying the butter in his hands, without a wrapper.)

MRS. BUGGINSES: Alfie! What are you doin' with that butter? Silly boy, it'll melt in yer 'ot 'and! 'Ere, put it in your 'cap. (She snatches the cap off his head, and puts the butter in.) 'Ere you are—and don't squeeze it, mind.

GRANDMA: 'Ere, ain't we ever goin' to 'ave dinner? I feel as empty as a 'oller-can.

MRS. BUGGINSES: Well, give anybody time!

GRANDMA: That's all very well, but this grass is so damp, it's fair rustin' in me gastric juices.

MRS. BUGGINSES: Alfie! Oh, my goodness, what 'ave you done now? (EMMA and ALFIE have been struggling with the fly-papers, and are now completely gassed to one another. One end of a streamer of sticky paper has twisted itself round ALFIE'S neck, and the other is round EMMA'S, and they are standing back to back. They begin to cry.)

FATHER: 'Uho! 'Uho! What's up now?

EMMA: A-Alfie and m-me's t-t-tied together with f-fly-papers. (EMMA pulls away from ALFIE, who screams.)

MRS. BUGGINSES: No, don't move. Emma! You'll tear Alfie's skin off. You'll 'ave to stay tied now till it wears off, or I get you both into a 'ot bath. Oh, sit down back to back, and stop 'owlin' do!—What about that tin of salmon? 'Ave you opened it yet, Father?

FATHER: No, nor yet I 'aven't swum the Channel! Nor flew the Atlantic!

MRS. BUGGINSES: Oh, well, we'd better start the dinner with wot we 'ave. Unwrap the fish, Emma.

(As EMMA tries to get up, ALFIE howls.)

No—you'd better let me. There, Father, now you can 'ave yer newspaper!

(She holds out the newspaper, which FATHER seizes.)

Gran'ma, there's some cut 'am in the bag—(Pointing to another package.)

GRANDMA: Cut what?

MRS. BUGGINSES: 'Am! Can't yer see it?

GRANDMA: I can smell it, thank yer—I don't want ter see it.

MRS. BUGGINSES: Oh, Gran'ma, don't be so picksome! Give it 'ere! You don't mind it, Father, do you?

FATHER (intent on his paper): Eh? Wot's that?

MRS. BUGGINSES: I say you're partial to a strong cut of 'am, aren't you? (Holding the ham under FATHER'S nose.)

FATHER: That's right! Try and give me pomaine poisonin'!

'Praps you'd like me to drink out a glass of arsenic while I'm about it?—'Ere—pooh! don't bring it near me! Chuck it away.

GRANDMA: Well, give us a bit of fried fish, if I can't 'ave no 'am, or I shall fall through in a minute!

MRS. BUGGINSES: Well, there's only 'alf a piece each—you'll 'ave to make do with that and bre'm butter—if there's any butter left after Alfie's done squeezin' it.

Scrape it out of 'is cap, Father, with a teaspoon.

(FATHER reaches over from behind MRS. BUGGINSES to get a teaspoon.)

Careful, Father! There now—you've been and upset the paraffin all over the fish.

FATHER: Well, 'oo left the cork out?

MRS. BUGGINSES (distractedly): Don't argue! Sop it up with a bit of newspaper!

FATHER: If you expect me to eat fish reekin' with paraffin you're mistook! 'Ere, Alfie, 'ere's somethin' else to chuck at the cows! (Drops packet of fish in ALFIE'S lap.)

MRS. BUGGINSES (almost crying): Oh, Father! You're throwin' away all our dinner.

EMMA (whining): Mother! I'm so 'ungry!

FATHER: Now then, young Emma! 'Ere, let me 'ave another go at that tin of salmon! Give me a stone, someone.

MRS. BUGGINSES (as EMMA starts to rise): No, not you, Emma! (MRS. BUGGINSES finds a stone and hands it to FATHER, who begins to hammer the tin with it.)

Mind yer 'ands, Father—mind yer 'ands!

(FATHER hits his finger with the stone and yells.)

There! I know you'd 'urt yerself! FATHER (his voice trembling with pain and fury): Go on! Go on! 'Oo's 'and is it? 'Oo's 'urtin'—'Oo! It don't 'alf 'urt! Gimme somethin' to tie it up with, can't yer?

MRS. BUGGINSES: 'Ere, you can 'ave the linn' out of my 'at!

(MRS. BUGGINSES tears the coloured lining out of her hat, and gives it to FATHER, who smashes his hand in it with groans of pain.)

Now for goodness sake don't 'ave nothink more to do with the beastly tin! We must jest make do with the bananas and s'rumps.

FATHER: If you think I'm goin'

to be frustrated by a bloomin' tin, you're mistook! I mean to 'ave a bit of salmon if I die for it.

'Ere, give me some ink I can stab it with!

(Puts tin on the ground and, taking GRANDMA'S umbrella, jabs at the tin.)

GRANDMA: Come 'ere, you great juggernaut!

(GRANDMA scrambles to her feet.) If you break my umbrella, I'll break you!

(GRANDMA pursues FATHER, who dances round her, jabbing at the salmon tin whenever he gets a chance.)

FATHER: Don't be so selfish! (Job.) Wot's a old umbrella alongside a starvin' family?

(More business with umbrella.) MRS. BUGGINSES: Oh, let 'er 'ave it back, Father! It's useless tryin' to get bread out of a bosom of stone!

GRANDMA (taking the umbrella): Yes, and it's 'opeless tryin' to get sense into a 'ead of wood! I ain't goin' to 'ave a thirty-year-old umbrella battered to bits to fill your stomach, and you needn't think it!

(GRANDMA crosses to the tree-trunk and sits.)

MRS. BUGGINSES: Try stampin' on it, Father.

(FATHER puts the tin behind the tree-trunk and, with his back to the audience, batters it with the heel of his boot.)

Go on, Father!—It's dentin'!

EMMA: 'Go on, Daddy!

ALFIE: EVERYONE: Go on—go on!

FATHER (in great excitement): It's goin'—it's goin'! It's—Oh! (He claps his hand to his eye in agony.)

MRS. BUGGINSES: Whatever's the matter, Father?

FATHER: Me foot's gone through the tin, and the juice 'as squirted in me eye!

GRANDMA (complacently): Oh, that's nice! Now we can 'ave a dob o' salmon!

FATHER: Oh—oh—oh!—it's cut right through me boot!

(When FATHER holds up his foot, a battered tin is seen to be on the heel of it. This can be previously concealed behind the tree.)

MRS. BUGGINSES: Oh, do stop 'owlin', Father, and take the tin out of the end of yer foot. The salmon'll be ruined!

FATHER (hopping): It won't come out, I tell yer—it won't come out! It's cut right through the boot inter me flesh!

GRANDMA: Let's 'ope it ain't the gangrenous sort, that's all!

MRS. BUGGINSES: Oh, good 'eavens! We'll 'ave to find a doctor—Don't put it to the ground, Father—you'll 'ave to 'op.

FATHER: 'Op! All down that great 'ill? What d'yer take me for?—a kangaroo?

MRS. BUGGINSES: Oh, don't wait to argue, Father. It may be turnin' gangrenous this very minute, and eatin' inter yer cill. Come on—you 'op, and I'll give you me arm.

MRS. BUGGINSES puts FATHER'S arm round her neck, and he leans heavily upon her, grinning hollowly.)

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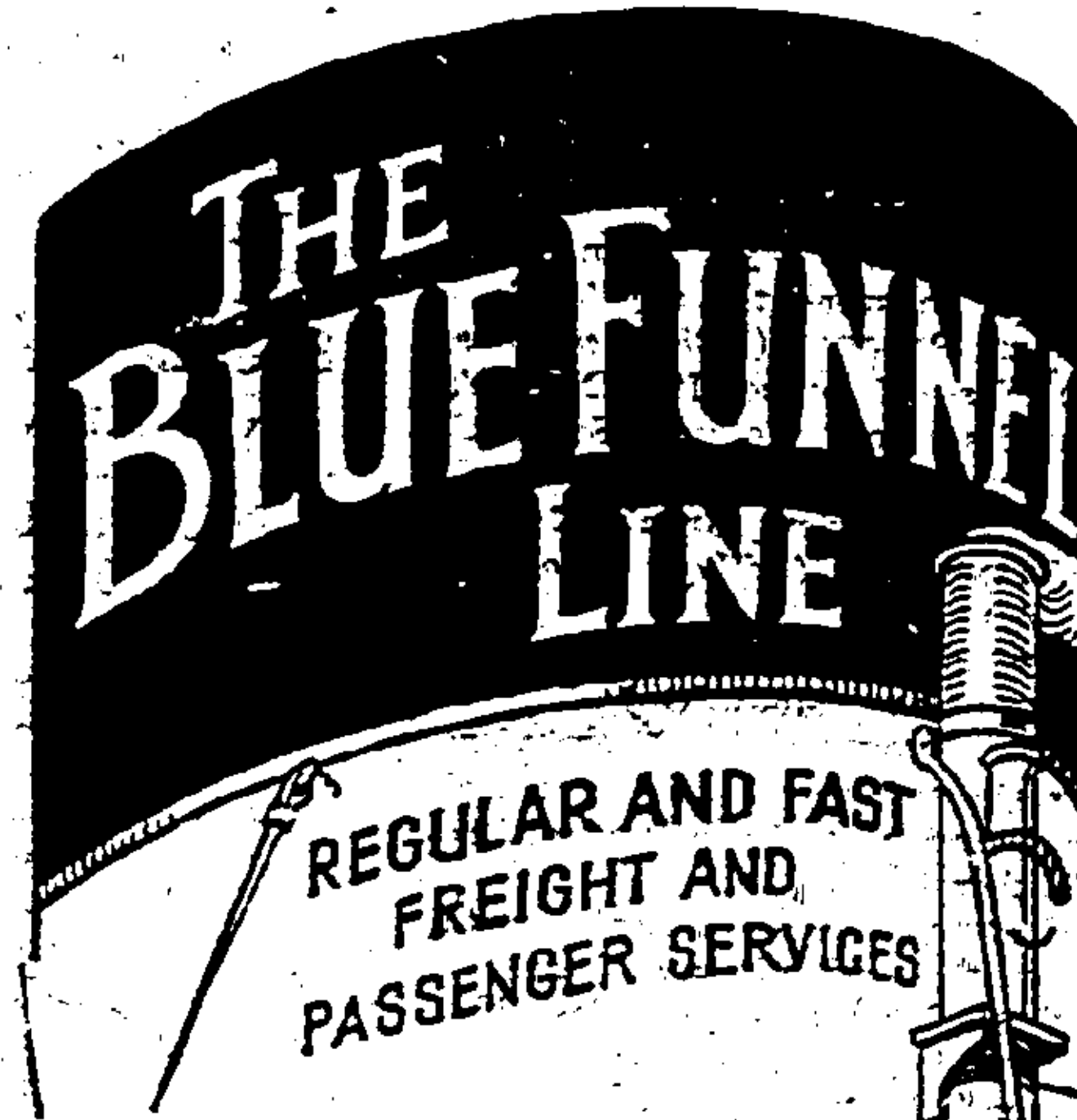
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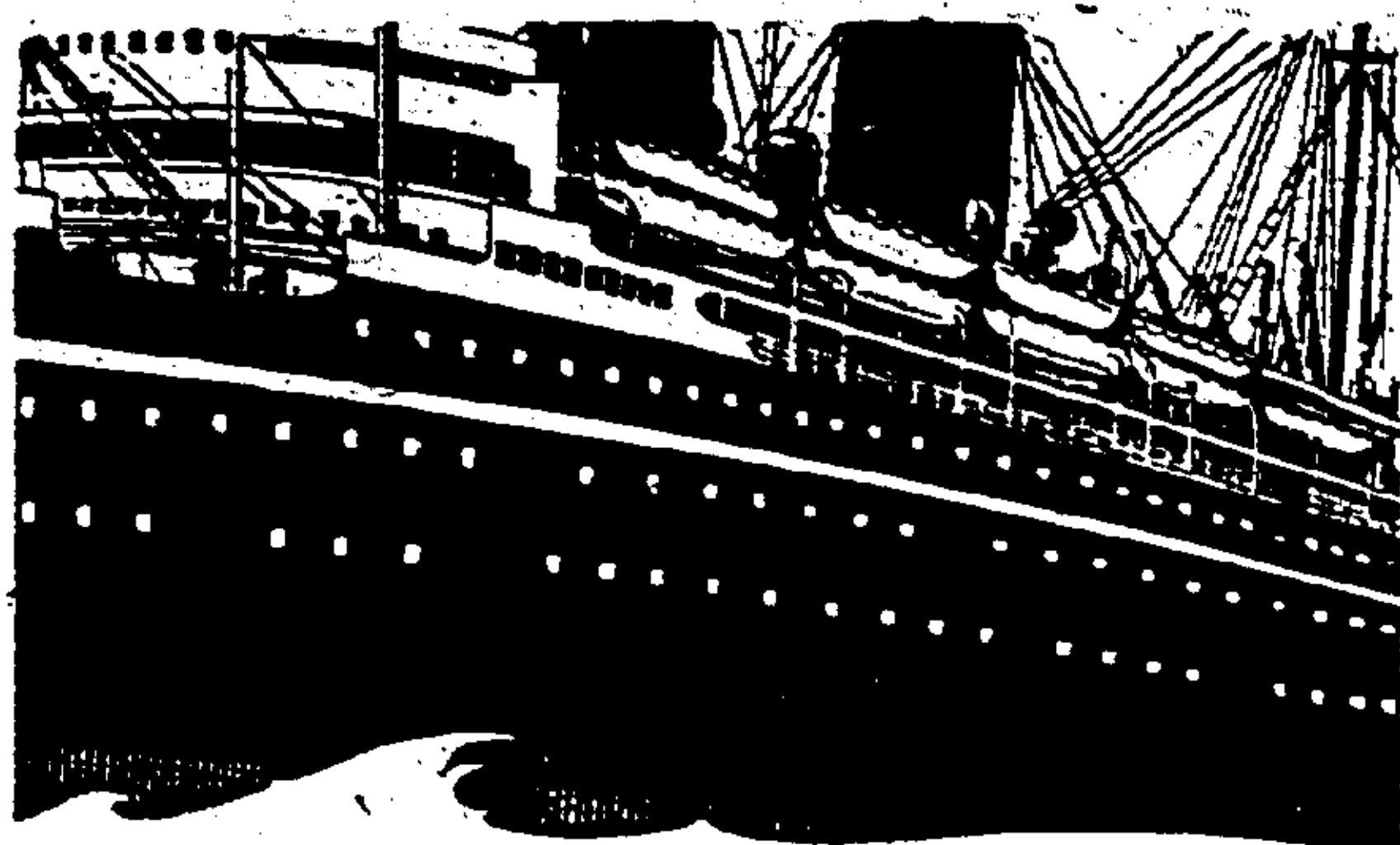
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CAUSES OF TOKYO OUTBREAK

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There are many who, touched as they have been by Western thought, say that it resides in the Japanese people as a whole, to whose hereditary representative, the Emperor, they owe allegiance.

This school looks to Britain for guidance, and was profoundly impressed by the formation of a Socialist Government in Britain in 1929. In the following year manhood suffrage was granted to Japan, and it seemed as though the country were in process of moving to a Parliamentary regime.

A very different view was taken by a good many members of the armed forces. To their minds it appeared that the army and navy were the natural and necessary custodians of the spirit of Japan as incarnate in the Emperor. The first clear assertion of their standpoint was made in connection with the Kellogg Pact, whose signatories declared that they were acting "in the name of their respective people."

It was seriously contended that the Japanese envoy who signed this document had been guilty of something approaching insult towards the Throne.

More Serious Breach

A more serious breach occurred in connection with the London Naval Treaty of 1930. It is understood that the General Staffs of the Services were opposed to signature, but that the Cabinet overruled them and insisted that it was within its Constitutional rights in so doing.

It was an open question whether there can be what we understand by a Cabinet when each member of it is individually responsible to the Emperor, and the question is particularly open under the Japanese Constitution, which provides that the Ministerial heads of the Japanese War Office and the Japanese Admiralty, who are always serving officers, shall not be appointed by the Prime Minister, but shall be nominated by their respective Services.

There was thus latent in the constitutional machinery a possibility of conflict between rival claimants to power, which events in Northern China finally brought to a head.

General Araki

General Araki, the War Minister, who was the army's mouthpiece, has been often condemned by Western opinion as a mere fire-eater. Actually, the action which he proceeded to take was by no means extreme.

His position was that for the time being the destinies of Japan lay with the army. It was accordingly improper that at such a crisis in Japanese history as was now developing the army should be associated with a political party. He



German and Italian soldiers effecting friendly relations at the International Equestrian Tournament held recently in Berlin.

therefore demanded the formation of a National Government.

There were those who, going far beyond Gen. Araki, said that the whole Parliamentary system should be swept away on the ground that every politician in Japan was corrupt; and the series of financial scandals which has been brought to light in recent years show that there was considerable measure of truth in their allegation.

The solution eventually reached represents a real effort of compromise, the credit for which must doubtless be assigned to the Elder Statesmen. Party politics continue in Japan, and politicians still receive Cabinet posts. But the Prime Minister in recent years has been an Admiral, and, as the navy is not making Japanese history in the same way as the army, the choice of a naval officer to head the Government both serves the balance between the services and conciliates public opinion.

Disintegrating Forces

The compromise ought to work, and would work if there were men of sufficient authority to carry it out. But the trouble in modern Japan is that Japanese life is disintegrating. Japan, like China, is reeling under the impact of Western ideas.

In the last year or so this disintegration has gone very far and has manifested itself in a form incompatible with the compromise of a semi-military, semi-political Government. The Foreign Office is a key post; its holder is not merely in daily touch with Western thought, but has to deal with the reactions of the West to the operations undertaken by the General Staffs.

Who, then, is to have the decisive voice as to the form and time of action—the War Office or the Foreign Office?

Theoretically, since both Ministers have access to the Emperor, he should hear them both and finally decide, but without raising the delicate question of the source and strength of the Emperor's power there is the further complication that the army itself does not speak with one voice.

Man On The Spot

The man on the spot always counts for a great deal in an overseas crisis, and in Japan to-day the man on the spot is not, as he would be in Britain, a civilian governor owing his appointment to the Cabinet, but the general commanding the Japanese army of occupation in the three provinces that were once Manchuria.

Much must necessarily be left to the discretion of a fighting soldier, and since Japanese forces began to penetrate into Mongolia the question of peace or war with Russia has turned on the way in which this discretion is exercised.

A veil has been drawn over conflicts between the War Office in Tokyo and the Commander-in-Chief overseas, but we know that the two authorities do not see eye to eye. Roughly the position is that the War Office is prepared to take, at any rate, some notice of the views of the Foreign Minister, while the overseas army is anxious to push ahead and make the conquests which it feels it has the power to effect, regardless of diplomatic complications.

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The Bugginses' Picnic

(Continued from Page 10)

GRANDMA. Oh, stop growling, fer goodness' sake! 'Ere's me rusted up to the gullet, and never a sound outter me.

FATHER. Well, you ain't never 'ad a 'ingrowin' salmon on yer foot!

MRS. BUGGINES. Come along, Emma—come along, Alke—back to back, mind you—and Alke first.

But these wretched politicians, eager for graft, they argue, put obstacles in the way of conduct which will demand sacrifices from every individual citizen, and the men in the War Office mistake their voice for that of Japan. What is wanted at home, they conclude, is a good strong Government ready to support the great effort which the army overseas is burning to make.

Suppose such doctrine preached to troops actually under orders for foreign service, suppose that among their officers is even one of the recklessly enthusiastic patriots in which Japan abounds, and the murders in Tokyo are explained.

EMMA. But Mother, we ain't 'ad no dinner! (Crying).

ALKE (crying also). I'm so hungry!

MRS. BUGGINES. Dinner! You on-natural children! 'Ere's you two tied together, and Grandma's lungs rusted, and us a good mile from the station—

FATHER. Yes, and me dyin' o' gangrene and got to 'op all the way!

MRS. BUGGINES. And all you children can think of is yer tummy! I wonder yer stomachs don't rise up and choke yer!—Come on, do!

(The party exits right. Mrs. Buggines supporting FATHER, Emma, and ALKE back to back, and both crying, with GRANDMA bringing up the rear. As the gate to the steps all turns and comes back.)

GRANDMA. I might as well 'ave me cramps, sayow! (She picks up the bag of SWAMP, looks shyly over her shoulder at the party, then starts to eat the SWAMP as fast as she can.)

CURTAIN.

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Veal Loaf	"Libby"	7 oz. tin	.36
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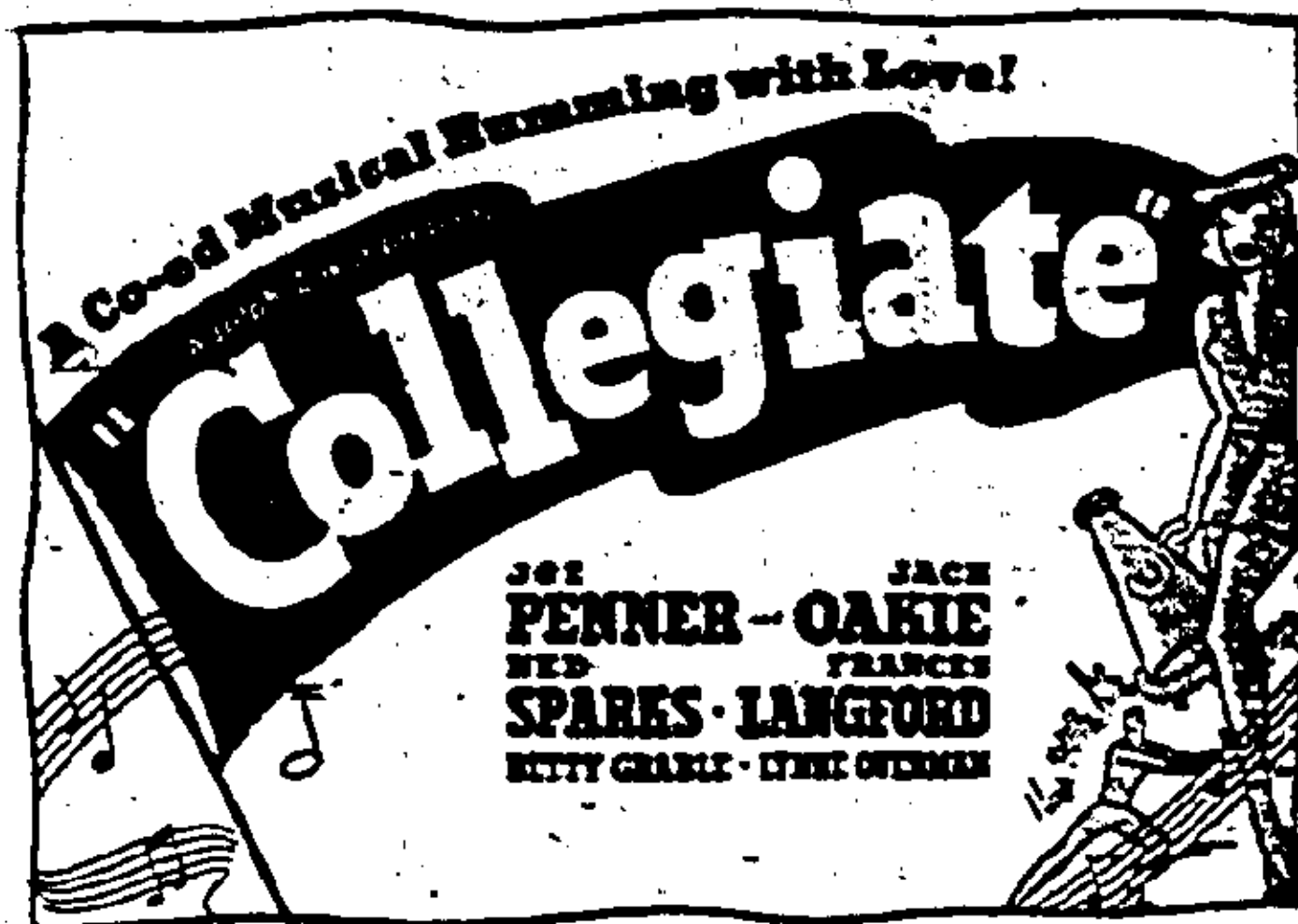
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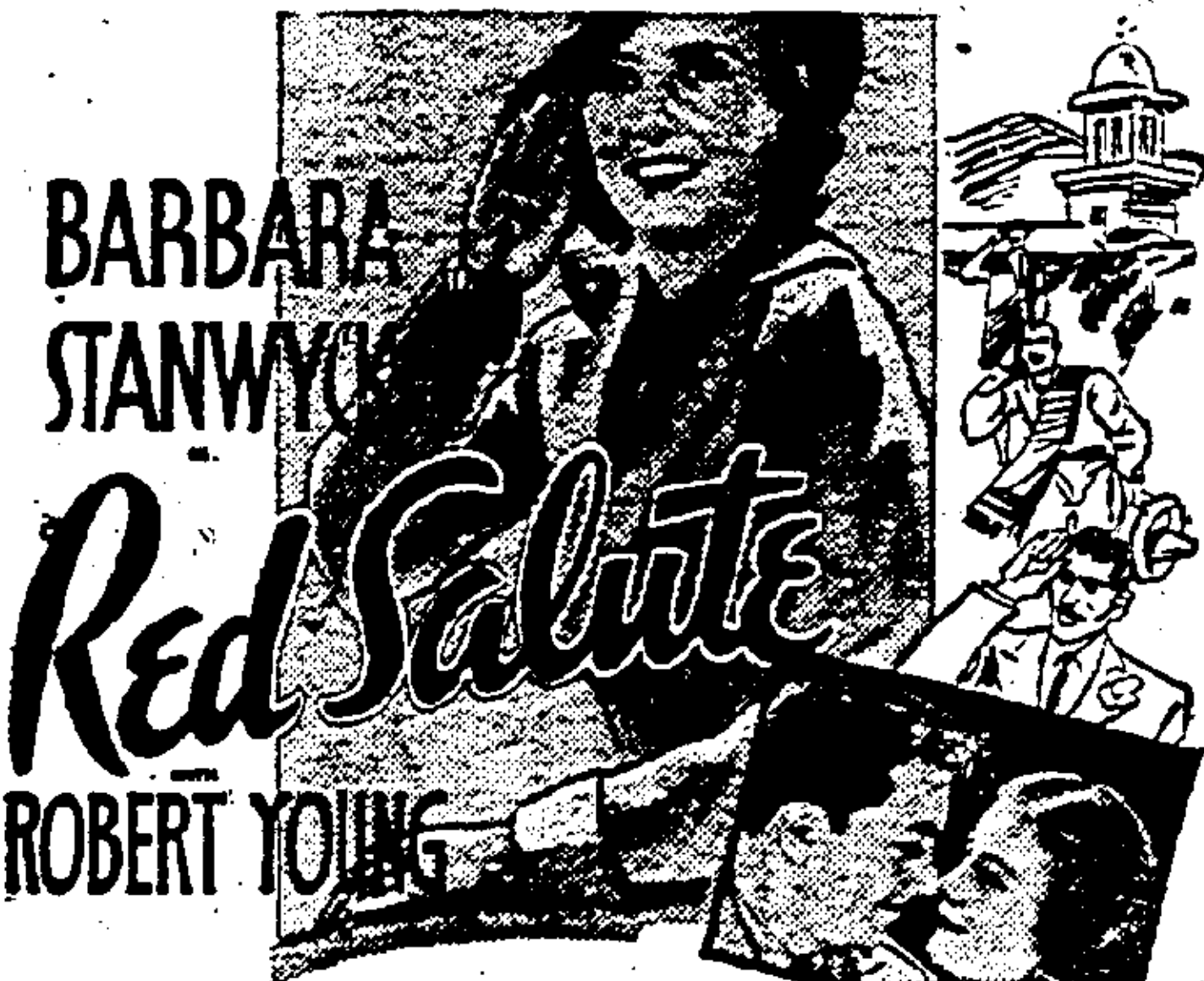
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Considerable Decrease
In Profits

REDUCTION OF RENTALS
MAINLY RESPONSIBLE

Presiding at the annual meeting of shareholders of the Chinese Estates Ltd., which was held in the Company's offices, China Building, this morning, Mr. Leung Kwai-tin, who presided, said that owing to the general depression, with its attendant reduction of rentals, and also to the fact that the eighth floor of the China Building had been vacant for over a year, there was a considerable decrease in profits, in spite of the fact that a reduction of some \$7,000 had been effected in the overhead expenses.

Despite this, however, a final dividend of \$2 per share had been declared by the Board of Directors, thus bringing the total dividend on each share to \$8.

Chairman's Speech

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Leung said:

"The net profit for the year, after providing for Reserve for Depreciation on China Buildings (\$40,000), Bad and Doubtful Debts (\$10,000), Directors' and Auditor's Fees and all expenses, amounts to \$95,319.94 which, added to \$287,464.08 brought forward from last account, makes a total of \$382,784.02.

"The net profit, as compared with that of the previous year, shows a decrease of \$23,324.40. This is due to the continuance of the general depression which has affected all rentals in the Colony. There is now in China Building a large number of vacant rooms, including the whole of the eighth floor, which has been unoccupied for over a year. Another reason for the decrease in the net profit is the increase of \$10,000 in the appropriation for Reserve for Depreciation on China Buildings. This step was taken on the advice of the auditor of the Company, who considers that in these bad times, with the future so uncertain, it would be advisable to adopt a conservative policy in regard to reserves. I trust that shareholders agree with this policy. Against this decline in rental, I am glad to report that our overhead expenses have, by the exercise of strict economy, been reduced by over \$7,000.

Three Interim Dividends

"There have already been three payments of interim dividends, each of \$2 per share, amounting in all to \$6. Your Directors are now pleased to recommend the payment of a final dividend of \$2 per share, making a total of \$8 for the year. This final dividend will absorb \$33,000. The reason for the decision of your Directors in making three payments of interim dividends is that many shareholders have expressed the wish to have as many interim dividends paid to them as the Company's financial position could justify, owing to the bad times and to the insignificant rates of interest paid by the banks on cash deposits.

"The total amount of dividends that has been paid, and proposed, of \$38,000, exceeds the amount of \$30,000 for the year, but as the balance of Profit and Loss Ac-

ALLEGED BRIBE ATTEMPT

Unemployed European
Charged

REMAINED IN POLICE CUSTODY

Albert Randall, aged 27, unemployed, and seven Chinese, Li Yick, a shopkeeper, Ho Lai, a salesman, and Leung Yan, Ho Sum, Li Kwai-yick, Ng Cheong and Kwan Sing, unemployed, were this morning charged before Mr. S. F. Balfour at the Central Magistracy for conspiring together to bribe one Man Kang, a Revenue Officer, and other Revenue Officers with intent to influence their conduct.

The first defendant was also charged with offering a bribe of \$500 to Man Kang at the To Yuen Restaurant on March 31.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay appeared for the first defendant and pleaded not guilty. Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., was for the police and applied for an adjournment for 24 hours, which was granted. When the question of bail arose he said that the charge was a very grave one. It was an attempt to corrupt the native Revenue department. The superintendent of Imports and Exports was opposed to bail and if it was allowed, it should be about \$10,000. He thought that the question had better be left over till tomorrow.

The defendants were remanded in police custody.

count carried forward to next year is over \$250,000 your Directors consider that this slight encroachment upon our surplus is justified. Should, however, the present depression unfortunately continue, they may not feel it safe to recommend the same dividend next year.

"It may be interesting to shareholders to know that in the latter part of 1933 your Directors elected from among themselves a Committee of three members to assist in the management of the Company. The services so rendered have been entirely honorary, and have been of material benefit to the Company. The Company is, therefore, indebted to the gentlemen who have formed this Committee, as well as to the Secretary and other members of the staff for another year of loyal service and good work.

"After payment of the final dividend there will be a balance of \$250,784.02 which your Directors propose, with your concurrence, to carry forward to new account."

Other Business

The chairman's proposal for the adoption of the Report and Accounts was seconded by Mr. Fung Ping-wah and was carried unanimously.

Messrs. Fung Ping-fan and Leung Ting-kei were re-elected to the Board of Directors on the proposal of Mr. Lo Chung-wan, seconded by Dr. R. H. Kotewall, while the re-appointment of Mr. Li Tung, as auditor, was moved by Mr. Li Yan-tsun and seconded by Mr. Foo Yik-pang.

Those attending the meeting were Messrs. Leung Kwai-tin (chairman), Foo Yik-pang, Li Yau-tsun, Lau Tak-po and Dr. R. H. Kotewall (Directors), Fung Ping-wah (Secretary) and Lo Chung-wan, Fung Ping-wa, Li net profit for the year; but as the Koon-chuen and Kenneth Fung balance of Profit and Loss Ac-

BOMBS AND POISON GAS ON HARRAR

Questions In House
Of Commons

BRITISH REPORTS QUOTED BY
FOREIGN SECRETARY

London, To-day.

Questioned in the House of Commons about the bombing of Harrar on March 29, Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, cited reports received from British representatives in Ethiopia to the effect that the raid was carried out by 18 Italian aircraft which circled wide three times at about 6,000 feet and dropped in all approximately 300 bombs.

Three bombs fell in the Swedish Mission grounds, 50 in that of the Egyptian Red Cross, 14 on the Catholic Mission, four on the French Hospital and Agency and four on the Harrar Red Cross, destroying the Red Cross ground-sign, which was about five yards square. The Catholic Church and the Abyssinian Church of St. Xavier were also badly damaged. The number of casualties was fortunately small, as the town was evacuated before the raid.

On the question whether Harrar is an open town Mr. Eden said that the Abyssinian Government had issued a communique denying the reports from Italian sources that military preparations had been made in the town.

Pressed in supplementary questions by Opposition members, who referred to the increasing public indignation at the reports of bombing and the use of poison gas in Abyssinia, to say what steps the Government proposed to take, Mr. Eden reminded the House that the Government were as anxious as anyone to see an end to the war in East Africa and the miserable suffering consequent on it. He repeated that the Government desired that the task of the League Committee of Thirteen should be pursued as speedily as possible. — British Wireless Service.

ADMIRAL MURFIN IN COLONY

(Continued from Page 1)

Admiral Murfin will pay a visit to Canton on his yacht next Monday and will return to the Colony on the following Thursday. The Augusta will sail for Amoy on Saturday, April 11.

CALLS EXCHANGED

Mr. Charles L. Hoover, Consul-General for America, called on Admiral Murfin at 9.15 a.m. this morning and later in the morning Commodore C. G. Sedgwick also paid a call, these visits being returned by Admiral Murfin later.

In connection with the visit of Admiral Murfin, an elaborate programme has been drawn up for his entertainment here. The Admiral and Officers of the Augusta will be the hosts at a tea dance to be given on board the cruiser to-morrow afternoon from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and in the evening Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart are giving a dinner party, at Repulse Bay, in honour of Admiral Murfin.

On Saturday the local American community will be "At Home," at the American Club, to Admiral Murfin and officers, and in the evening Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Little will be entertaining Admiral Murfin at a dinner party. Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Dunbar will be the hosts at a luncheon party on Sunday, at their residence in May Road, when Admiral Murfin will attend, and on the same evening Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hoover will give a dinner party at their residence, "On Lee," Pokfulam, in honour of the distinguished visitor.

ASSISTANT AGRICULTURAL ADVISER APPOINTED

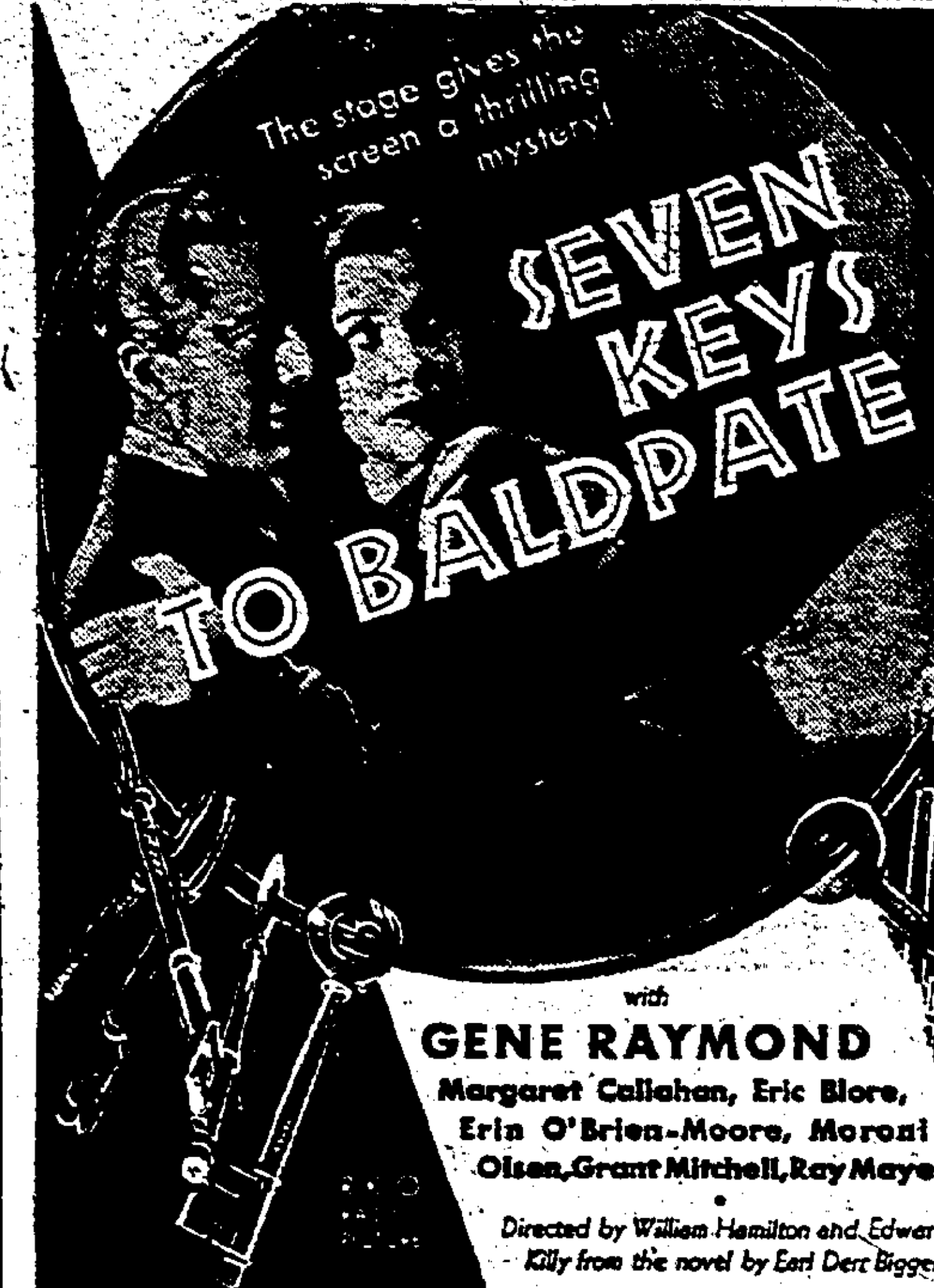
London, To-day. — Mr. H. A. Tempney, former Director of Agriculture, Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States, has been appointed Assistant Agricultural Adviser to the Colonial Office. — Reuter.

ELECTRICITY OUTPUT IN BRITAIN

London, To-day. — The electricity output of Britain has increased 70 per cent. since 1929, whereas the world's output increased only 20 per cent. in the same period. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

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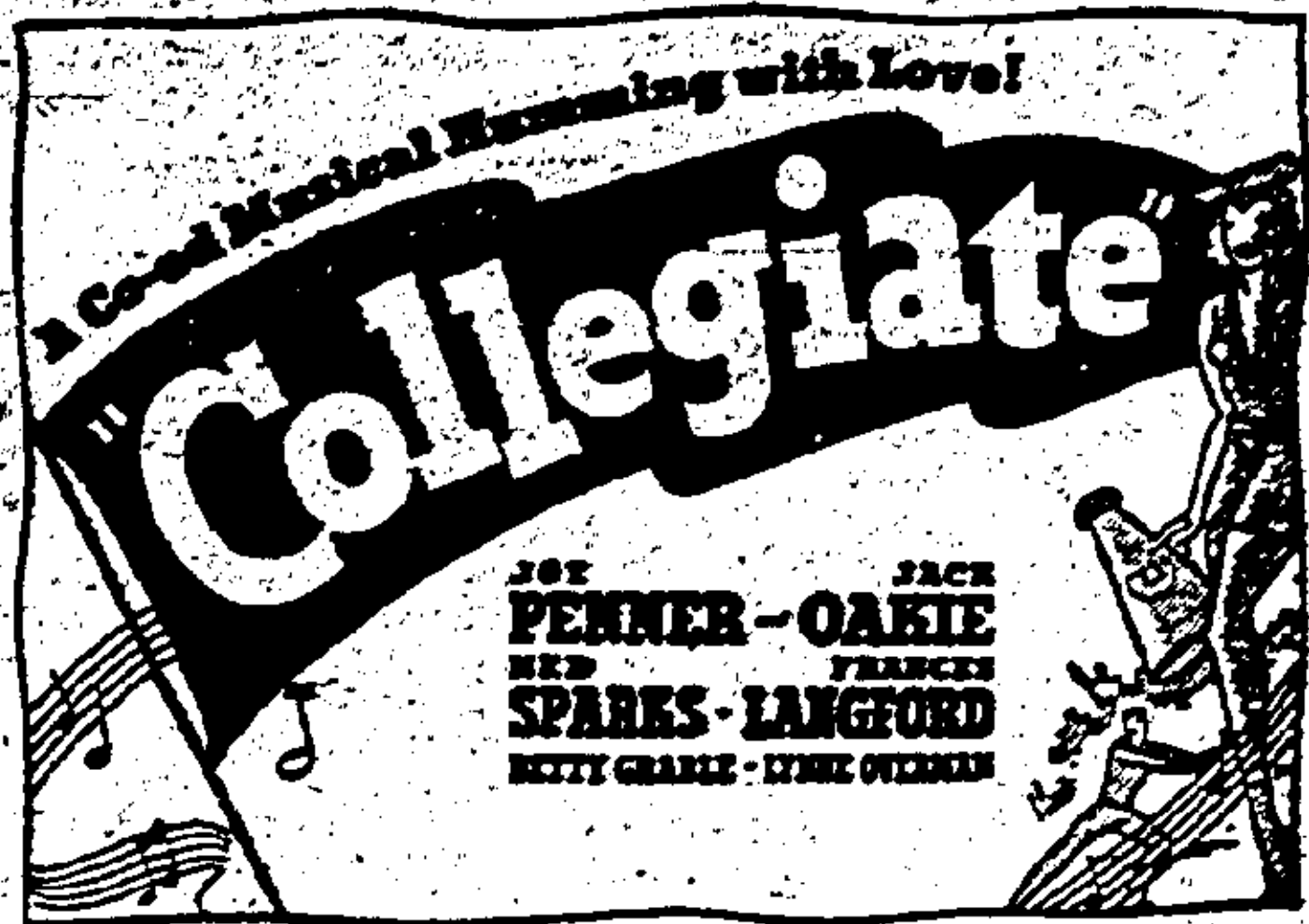
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GOVERNMENT DEFEATS

Equal Pay For Men And Women

AMENDMENTS CARRIED

London, To-day. Following the surprise defeat of the Government on Wednesday night in the House of Commons' division on the amendment in favour of equal pay for men and women for equal work in the Civil Service, the Government was twice defeated in the Lords last evening on amendments to the Agricultural Unemployment Insurance Bill. The defeats, however, have no political significance.

With reference to the Commons incident the Prime Minister announced yesterday that he would present on Monday a motion on equal pay for men and women in the Civil Service upon which question the Government were not prepared to depart from the present policy — and the Government would treat the division as a vote of confidence. — British Wireless Service.

DEVILMENT LED TO DEATH

Inquest On Young Undergraduate

FOUND DEAD ON RAIL TRACK

A verdict of Death by Misadventure was returned at the inquest at North Mimms, Hertfordshire, last month on Harold Smalley, the 18-year-old Cambridge undergraduate who was found dead on the railway near Brookman's Park. It was suggested that "pure devilment" might have led him to climb out of the train while it was moving.

Smalley, whose home was at Crowborough, Sussex, was a second-year undergraduate at St. Catherine's College, and secretary of Cambridge University Gymnastic Club.

John Askell Smalley, a civil engineer, of Oakridge-avenue, Radlett Herts, said that his brother had no troubles.

"Stiff" Rock Climbs They had gone rock climbing together, and negotiated some very stiff climbs. It was consistent with his brother's high-spiritedness that he might have climbed out of the train while it was moving.

Lewis Whitcomb Harding, aged 21, of Jesus College, Cambridge, said that he had known Smalley since last May, and had seen him daily. On Thursday, February 20, they met at a Cambridge public-house. Smalley drank mild beer.

"We left Cambridge together by the 3.30 p.m. train," said Harding. "We arrived at King's Cross at 4.45 p.m. and went together to a club in Victoria-street, S.W. I left Smalley for about an hour. We had just a few beers in the club."

Another Beer

They left the club at about 8 p.m., and had another beer at a restaurant. They caught the 3.55 p.m. train from King's Cross, and were the only two in a compartment.

The Coroner (Mr. T. Ottaway). — What was his condition when he got into the train, drunk or sober? — Sober.

Soon after the train left London, Smalley climbed out of the compartment.

"He opened the door, and when I saw him he was just about as good as out," added Harding. "He shut the door behind him. He was away two or three minutes. When he came back I told him to be careful. I was alarmed until he came back to the compartment safely."

Harding said that he was away from the compartment for four or five minutes.

"When I returned," he stated, "Smalley was not there. Both doors were closed. I looked out of the window on one side and could not see him."

Playing A Joke

On arrival at Cambridge he waited at the station in the hope of seeing Smalley, then went home.

Mr. Ottaway. — Were you at all alarmed at Smalley's absence? — No, sir, I thought that he was playing a joke.

Mr. Ottaway said: (Continued in Next Column)

DREDGING OF PEARL RIVER TO BE BEGUN

Money To Be Sought From Nanking

FREQUENT STRANDING OF RIVER STEAMERS

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day. Dredging of the shallow reaches of the Pearl River will shortly be undertaken by the River Conservancy Board in view of the frequent stranding of river steamers from Macao and Hong Kong. The decision to deepen the fairway is made at the request of Mr. L. K. Little, Commissioner of Customs for Canton.

Owing to the lack of funds, only small-scale dredging is possible for the time being. The total cost of dredging the various necessary parts of the Pearl River is estimated at \$3,000,000.

The South-west Political Council has designated its member, Mr. Lo Yik-kwan, to go to Nanking to secure funds for deepening the river, which becomes shallow during the winter months. The dredging process will take three years.

Coastal steamers arrive at and leave Canton only at high tide. River steamers running on scheduled time cannot wait for the tide and frequently go aground. This is the first time that Canton officials have taken action to keep the channel open, although the silting-up of the river has been going on for the past six years.

ROAD ACCIDENTS IN ENGLAND

Detailed Analyses Being Made

London, To-day.

As from Wednesday the Ministry of Transport are receiving detailed police reports on the circumstances and causes of every road accident involving personal injury, whether fatal or otherwise. The enumeration and analysis of the information thus obtained will, it is hoped, yield valuable results in the determination of the main factors of road safety.

Beginning next week, the weekly accident statistics compiled by the Ministry of Transport will be issued in amended form—British Wireless Service.

ROYAL AIR FORCE UNIFORMS

London, To-day.—The Air Ministry announces impending changes in the service uniforms of officers and airmen of the Royal Air Force, the most important of which is the abolition of breeches and puttees in favour of trousers for all ranks. — British Wireless Service.

"If one is to take any inference from the evidence of his brother and Harding as to how he got out of the train, it does seem as if he did so for pure devilment, and in doing so a young man in the prime of life met his death."

ARRESTS IN RIGA

German Citizens Released

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Riga, To-day. Of the 35 Germans arrested in Riga during the last few weeks, as reported by Trans-Ocean, about 30 have been released, so that only five or six still remain in custody. The charge brought against them is the breach of police by-laws, it being alleged that they attended political meetings during the continuance of the state of siege, the penalty in such cases usually varying between a fine of 100 Lats or 14 days' imprisonment and a fine of 750 Lats or two months' imprisonment. An appeal can be lodged with the Home Minister. There has as yet not appeared in any official statement, but is expected in the next few days, unless in the meanwhile the five or six Germans still in custody should also be released. — Trans-Ocean Service.

TRIUMPH IN NEW YORK

Great Praise For British Actress

New York.—Wendy Hiller, the young Manchester actress, scored an instantaneous success in her Broadway debut in "Love on the Dole" last month.

Cheers of the first nighters were not quietened until Miss Hiller made a curtain speech. Her reception was likened by the critics to Elisabeth Bergner's debut here last year.

The New York Times praised her for playing the part with "pulsing beauty of high spirit."

The New York Tribune critic wrote: "She knows almost as many stage tricks as Elisabeth Bergner or perhaps Helen Hayes, which I suspect is all of them."

FATHER AND SON

Film Plans Of The Two Fairbanks

New York.—Douglas Fairbanks jun. left for England last month to make three pictures there.

Douglas Fairbanks sen. on the other hand, is returning to Hollywood shortly, and is afterwards going to China to direct a film there.

The two Fairbanks were staying in New York last month. They arrived by air from Hollywood.

WEATHER REPORT

A weak anti-cyclone lies over China; the depression has become more intense and has moved north-eastward, covering Korea, South Japan and the neighbouring seas. The Pacific depression is still indicated to the east of the Visayas, but its position and movement are uncertain. North-east winds, moderate; fine to cloudy. was the forecast for to-day as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

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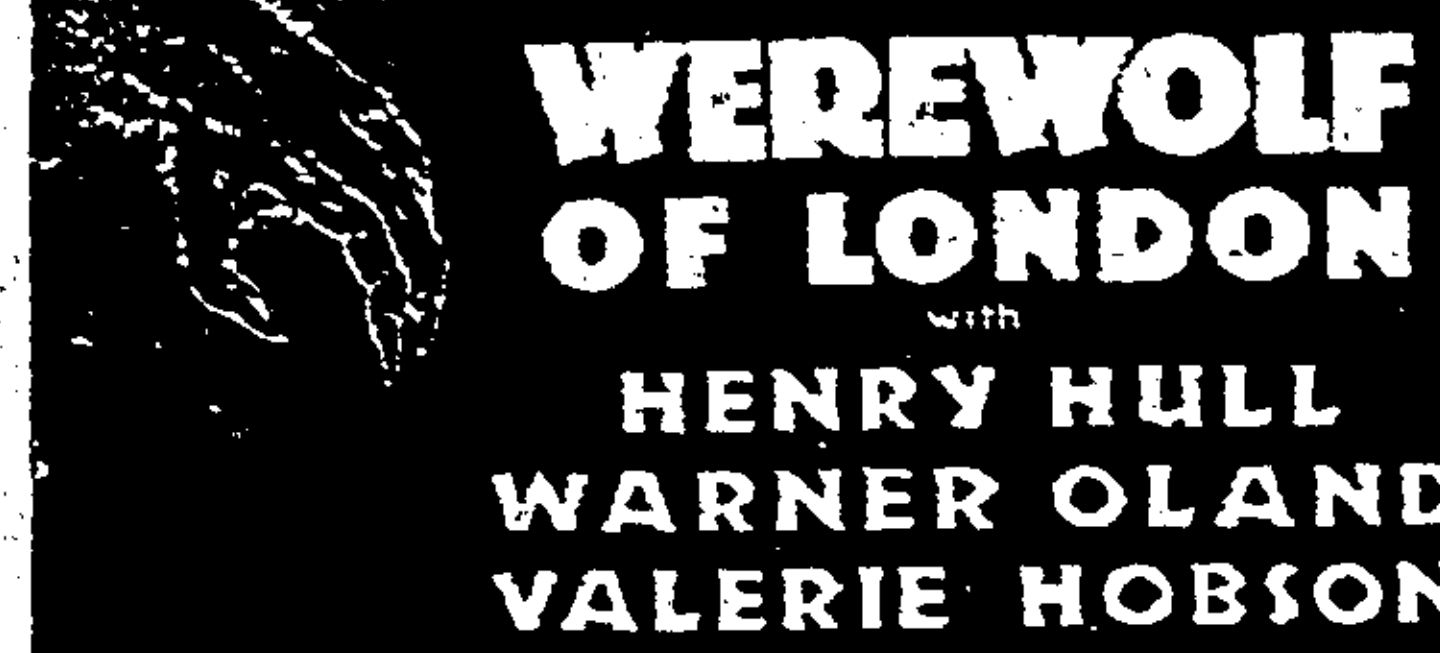
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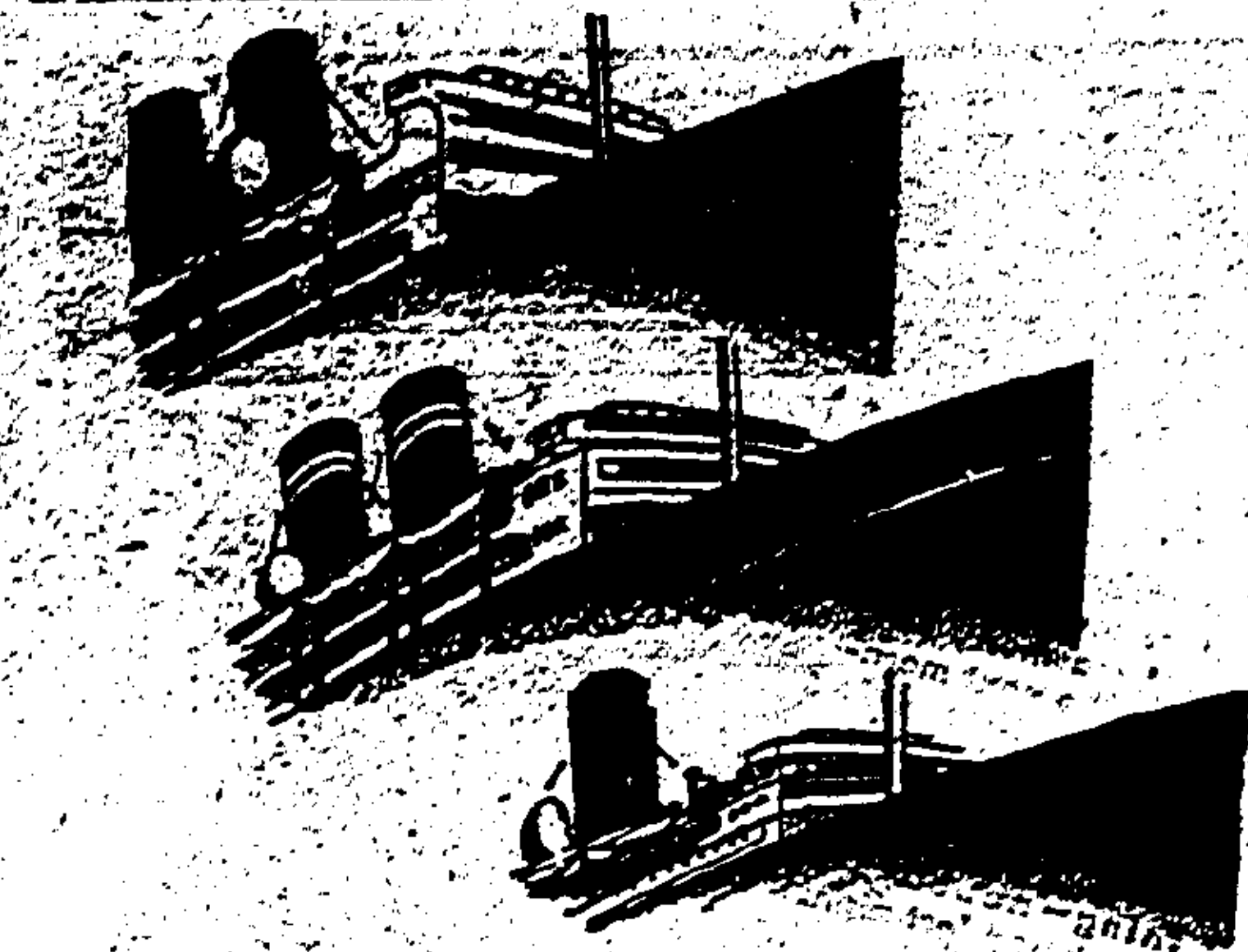


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CARTAGE	14,500	2nd May	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	10th May	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
SHUTAN	6,000	23rd May	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CHITRAL	15,000	30th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
BEHAR	6,000	6th June	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RANPURA	17,000	13th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
SOUDAN	7,000	20th June	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	27th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CORFU	14,500	11th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NALDERA	17,000	25th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NALDERA	16,000	8th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KAISER-I-HIND	11,000	22nd Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	5th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CHITRAL	15,000	19th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	3rd Oct.	Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	17th Oct.	Marseilles & London.
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THE FAKED ALIBI

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"H'm! What sort of a stick was he carrying?" Dixon Hawke shot the question at Hardy like a pistol-crack, and the young man blinked as if he had been struck. But suddenly a light of understanding dawned in his eyes.

"By Jove, sir, I remember now! It was a cane, and, what's more, he dropped it on the lift floor, and I picked it up for him."

Inspector Forbes smiled. Tommy Burke gave a little whoop, and Dixon Hawke smiled.

The Half-Finished Letter

"Well, that's about all, Hardy. Cheer up, lad," he said kindly. "Things are not so black as they seem."

"Do you really believe that yarn, Hawke?" asked Forbes, when they were back in the inspector's room.

"Black beard and dark glasses, and picking up the stick, which last little bit accounts for that young blackguard's prints being on the wall."

Hawke, it's a chunk of fiction he's invented while cooling his heels in the cell.

"Truth is sometimes more difficult to believe than fiction," snapped the famous detective. "I admit it sounds fishy, but that remains to be proved."

"I'll prove it all right!" snapped Forbes. "You watch me!"

"I'm going to," replied Hawke. "In the meantime, I'd like to view the scene of the crime."

"You're wasting your time, Tommy," said Forbes, "but if you like doing it, I ain't going to stop you. Hang on a minute and I'll give you a permit."

With the police inspector's note in his pocket, Dixon Hawke set out for Shaftesbury Avenue, which was only a short distance away.

During the few minutes it took them to walk there, he remained absorbed in his thoughts, and Tommy refrained from asking any questions, as he knew that his chief would be angry if his meditations were interrupted.

The constable on duty admitted them to Walker's office, and watched with interest as Hawke commenced operations.

Hawke stood in the middle of the room and subjected the place to a swift survey, then he crossed over to the desk at which Ezra Walker had been sitting when he was struck down.

On a blotting pad in front of the armchair lay a half-finished letter, and Hawke leaned over and examined it.

"What do you make of that, Tommy?" he asked, indicating the sheet of paper.

Tommy came to his side and took a look.

"An ordinary business letter, half-finished, sir," he replied. "Walker must have looked up at his murderer, or else the last word would have been 'wony.' It's most written, like the others, so he could not have been writing it when he was coughed."

Hawke nodded approvingly.

"Well reasoned out, Tommy!" he said. "And it proves that whoever did it was well known to Walker, and a frequent visitor to this room. If he had been a stranger, it is extremely unlikely that Walker would have sat quietly writing while the other walked right up to him and struck him down. No lad, we must look for the murderer in a person perfectly at home in this office."

Tommy frowned.

"That don't make it any the better for Jim Hardy," he remarked. "Walker would have known him well enough."

The Cake Of Mud

Dixon Hawke did not reply, but turned away from the desk and glanced about the room. His eyes alighted on a big cupboard near the fireplace, and he crossed over.

Tommy watched him as he opened the door, and a moment later he saw his boss pick something off the wood.

It was a short, black hair, which had become caught in a tiny splinter. Hawke gave a little exclamation of satisfaction as he placed the hair in an envelope and put it into his wallet. Then, bending down, he examined the floor.

The cupboard did not appear to have ever been used, and the dust was thick. Tommy noticed obvious footmarks, but so ploughed about to be useless for identification purposes. Only one thing Hawke troubled about, and that was a small lump of mud which he found just inside the door.

This he carefully picked up and laid on a sheet of paper. Tommy saw that it was a cake of mud from the instep of a man's boot, and must have dropped off from boots either placed in the cupboard or from the feet of someone standing inside.

Hawke carefully prodded the mud until it fell apart, and then Tommy saw what his boss was after—a tiny piece of dried-up leaf. For several minutes the famous detective studied it under the lens, and then he turned to his young assistant.

"It's a piece of hop leaf, lad," he announced, "and the mud itself is from the light hop-country soil."

Tommy looked puzzled. "What about it, guv'nor?" he asked.

"I don't see it helps any," he replied. "The inside of the cake is still wet," replied Hawke quietly.

"I see what you mean, sir," exclaimed Tommy excitedly. "Someone stood in that cupboard only a few hours ago, and left the mud there, and which belongs to hop-country soil, and ain't found anywhere else. Then it follows that whoever it was had been in the hop country of Kent just before coming here."

"Quite right," smiled Hawke. "And that person was the murderer of Ezra Walker."

"Then it wasn't Jim Hardy," exclaimed Tommy.

Dixon Hawke shook his head. "The man who did the deed was a left-handed man, as I told Forbes; Jim Hardy is right-handed."

Tommy Burke felt relieved; he had taken a great fancy to the broad-shouldered Jim, and he hated to think that he may have been guilty of this ghastly crime. If he wasn't guilty, Dixon Hawke would soon prove it.

When he had finished his examination of the mud cake, Hawke strolled across to a door leading to another room, which the policeman informed him was Mr. Goldman's office.

"Bit of a shock for Goldman when he comes back," remarked Tommy, as they came into the partner's room. "Wonder where he is?"

"Forbes said he was down in the country on business," said Hawke. "I'll call first, learn the news from the newspapers, I expect, unless the police get in touch with him before. Hello, more mud!"

The traces of mud which the keen eyes of the detective had spotted were so small that Tommy at first did not see them, but a brief examination convinced him that it was the same type of Kent hop soil as the original lump they had found in the cupboard.

Hawke did not bother to make any closer observation, but crossed to the door and looked out. From this place it was impossible to see either the lift or the main door of the Walker & Goldman offices, as the corridor took a right-angle bend.

"Well, that's pretty handy," murmured Hawke, to himself.

"What is, sir?" asked Tommy, who had overheard the remark.

"That the murderer let himself out of this door while Jim Hardy and the cleaner, Harris, were phoning the police, and escaped quietly down the back stairs into the courtyard at the rear."

"How did Hardy's cap get into the room, then?" asked Tommy.

"The murderer brought it with him, young 'un. What he did was this, he got off the lift on the floor below, nipped up the back stairs, took the cap from the cupboard in the corridor, and entered the offices through Goldman's door here."

"But," objected Tommy, "Ezra Walker would be suspicious of a client who came in through his partner's private door, and how do you account for the main door being locked from the inside? You gotta remember that Jim was hammering on it mighty soon after the first blow was struck."

The Black Hair

Hawke smiled at his young assistant's puzzled expression.

"Probably," Walker always kept that door locked when he had an extra valuable packet of diamonds on the premises for valuation. Or the murderer may have suggested that it would be better if the door was locked, in which case it only goes to prove that he was a great friend of Walker's."

"When Jim started to hammer and make row he got the wind up, and dived into the cupboard. When they went off to phone he made his break and got away."

"Yes I see that, sir," said Tommy a bit doubtfully, "but I reckon Walker must have been pretty thick with his client to have been such an easy mark. Blokes who deal in diamonds ain't usually the sort what gets caught napping."

"How do you know it was a client?" snapped Hawke as he turned away.

Tommy Burke's eyes narrowed as he stared at the broad back of his chief.

Tommy knew who Hawke had marked down as the murderer, but he knew also that it was going to be a hard task for them to prove it. What might satisfy them might not satisfy a Judge and jury, and the proof when it was shown had to be glaringly clear.

They left the Shaftesbury Avenue offices about ten minutes later, and went back to Dover Street, where Hawke made straight for his laboratory. Taking the black hair he had found on the door from his wallet, he laid it on a specially-prepared slide and put it under an extremely powerful lens of the microscope.

Tommy heard him give a little exclamation of surprise, and then the famous detective turned, to him with a broad grin on his face. "It's a goat's hair, Tommy," he announced.

"Have a look!"

Tommy looked through the microscope at the strand of hair, he realised that Hawke had spoken nothing more nor less than the truth. The hair of a goat grows with a root of unique shape, and may be easily recognised in consequence. In addition, the hair is very broad at the root and tip, but narrow in the middle.

"What does it signify, sir?" asked Tommy.

"It rather proves that Hardy's tale of the man with the black beard and dark glasses was absolutely true," answered the detective. "But the beard was a false one, and made of dyed goat's hair, the best hair for the purpose, as it is so broad at the root and looks like real human hair that has been trimmed a lot."

"Next thing to do is to find out where it was bought, and as Clevering's is so close to Shaftesbury Avenue, we'll try there first thing in the morning. Most of the theatrical people get their make-up gear from Jack Clevering."

Ten o'clock next morning saw Tommy Burke off to interview the manager of the theatrical store, and he touched lucky first time.

The manager remembered selling just such a beard as Tommy described to a gentleman a minute or two before closing time on the previous evening.

He had an idea that he had seen this gentleman at the neighbourhood quite a lot. In fact, he believed that he was in business somewhere close by, but he did not know his name.

Every word the outfitter said fitted in with Hawke's theory, and in Tommy's mind made it a stone wall of certainty.

Dixon Hawke didn't say much when he told him the result of the interview; he never did; but Tommy knew by the gleam in his grey eyes that he was pleased.

"Good lad!" was all Hawke said. "Now we'll get along to Clare Street Station, and hear any further news Forbes may care to tell us."

Inspector Forbes grinned when he saw them.

"Found the ticks with the pink eyes and blue teeth yet, Hawke?" he asked.

Dixon Hawke smiled at the policeman's heavy humour.

"Have you found Goldman yet?" he asked.

Forbes nodded.

"Yes; he's been staying the night at Tonbridge. Car broke down, so he hung on overnight. He phoned us a couple of hours ago. Saw the news of his partner's murder in the paper this morning, and is coming right here as soon as he arrives in town. Ah, this looks like the man coming in now."

Hawke turned to see a thick-set, Jewish-looking man pushing open the station door.

"That's Goldman," announced the newcomer as soon as he was inside. Jove! Inspector, this is a terrible affair. Is it true that the lift-boy has been arrested?"

"Quite true, Mr. Goldman," replied Forbes.

Goldman took off his bowler hat and wiped his forehead. He bent down and whispered in Tommy's ear, and the youngster slid quietly out of the station without anybody noticing him go.

"So Hardy did it, eh?" went on Goldman. "Must have found out somehow that we were expecting a valuable packet of diamonds."

"I know all about the packet of diamonds," put in Forbes. "Mudcock's phoned a description of each stone comprising the parcel as soon as they heard of the murder. They sent the stones to Walker to assess their value."

All this time Hawke had been standing by; now he asked a question.

"Did you ever possess a thick Malacca cane, Mr. Goldman?"

Goldman swung round on the detective, and for the fraction of a look of fear flashed into his eyes.

"A Malacca cane?" he said. "No, but my partner used to have one, which he kept in the office. Why?"

"Because a Malacca cane may easily look like the weapon which murdered your partner," replied Hawke. "A cane that bore the fingerprints of Hardy upon it."

"Faked!" gasped Goldman. "Fingerprints on it? Why, dash it, sir, if Hardy's prints were on the weapon, surely he must have committed the murder?"

"The man who committed the crime," said Hawke, slowly and impressively, "dropped the stick and got Hardy to pick it up. That's how the lift-boy finger-prints were on it."

"The man was a close friend of Ezra Walker; he hid in the cupboard, and left traces of mud which showed that he had very recently been in Kent, say near Tonbridge. Mr. Goldman. That's in the hop country. The man was wearing a false beard, composed of hair identical with the one upon the shoulder of your coat, Mr. Goldman."

With that, Hawke's hand flashed out and plucked a black hair from Goldman's coat.

Tommy Burke, coming in at the door at that moment, screamed a warning.

"Look out, sir; he's pulling a gun!" But Dixon Hawke had seen the movement, and before the gun was half out of Goldman's pocket he was upon him. There came the crack of the pistol, but the bullet bit into the door by Hawke's feet, and then Forbes was upon the scene.

Goldman fought like a maniac, but strong as he was, the combined weight of Hawke, Forbes, and two constables bore him down, and while he was still on the floor Tommy Burke nipped in behind and seized his wrist.

With a hefty twist he wrenched at them and both came away in his hands.

A small packet wrapped in tissue paper was inside each of the hollow heels.

Sobbing with fear and rage, Goldman was handcuffed, and held tightly by the constables while Forbes read the charge.

"And here's the spanner he did it with," chirped in Tommy as the inspector finished.

Hawke took the tool, wrapped up in a piece of oily rag, and after a quick look at it, handed it to Forbes.

"Tommy is right," he said. "Forbes wiped the blood from the spanner which will be found to correspond with the dead man's hair."

"I sent Tommy out to search the tool-box of Goldman's car, and he was smart enough to find what was wanted."

"Look here, Hawke," said Forbes, when the prisoner, had been taken away, "are you about as big an anatomy as a man can make. You've caught the right man; you've got back the diamonds which he parked in those faked heels, and you've saved my bacon all the way around."

"But what gets me is how Goldman managed to fake such a perfect alibi; he can prove without a shadow of a doubt that he was in Tonbridge when the murder was committed. How did he do it?"

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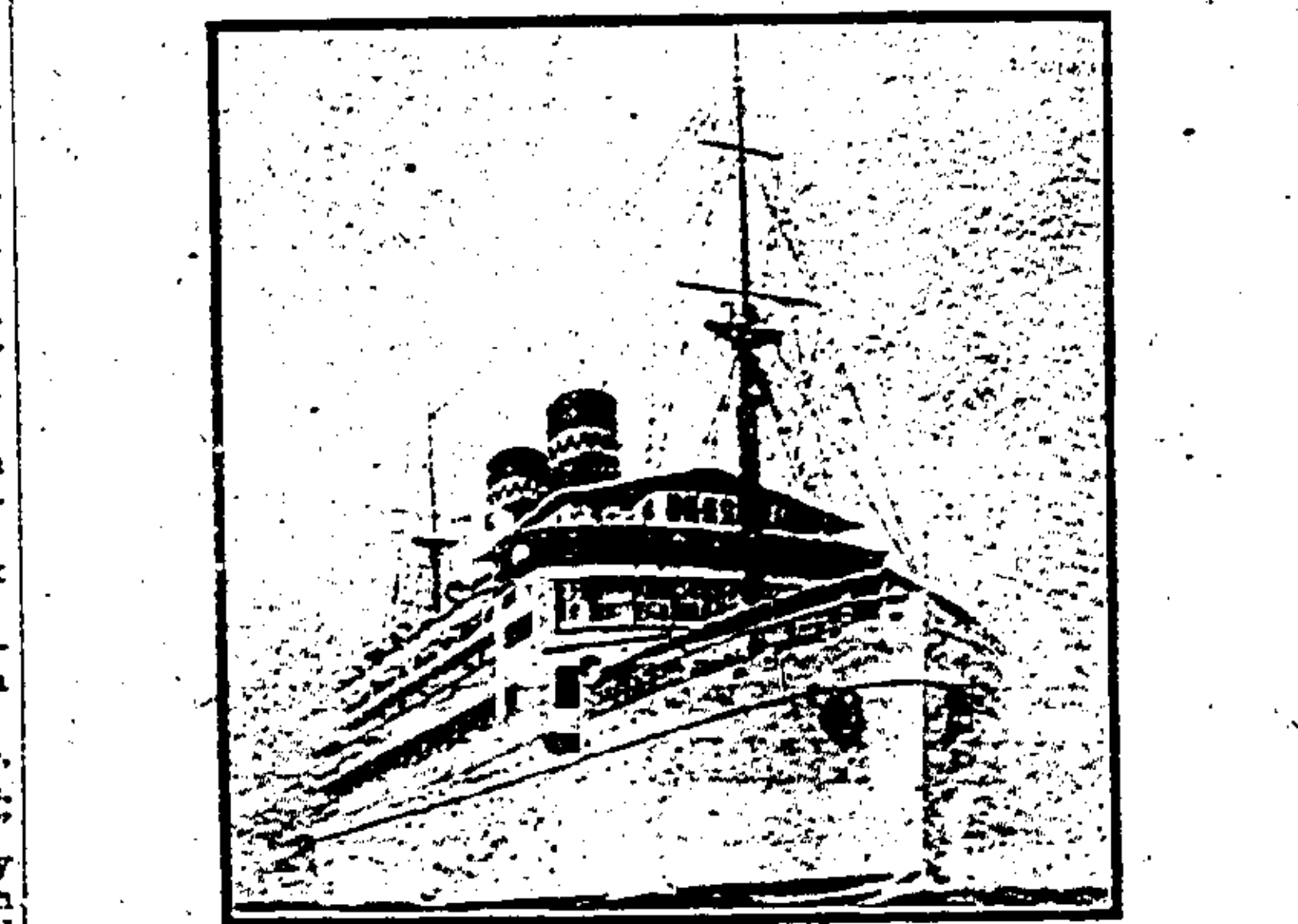
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"After the murder he slipped away, and caught the 6.35 back to Tonbridge, and turned up at the hotel in time for a late dinner, telling the hotel people that he had been at the garage all the time, or some